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PREFACE

THE publication of the documents in this volume gives an idea of the important part sustained by the people of Maine in the War of the Revolution, and of the sacrifices made by them in what must have appeared to the world as an almost hopeless struggle. It also places in enduring form the names of men worthy of remembrance. I hope to be able to complete the publication of documents relating to the Revolutionary period within the next two years.

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Letter from Jon^a Warner July 22, 1777.

To the Honble Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay — Gentlemen

I have this Minute Received an Express from Colo: Warner which I thought it my Duty to forward to your Honours Immediately. Accordingly thought it Expedient to Issue Orders for Every Sixth man in my Brigade to March to the Assistance of Colo. Warner by the way of Bennington, and Desire your Honours would Give Direction in the Matter as you Shall think proper, as I have Orders to March On an Expedition to St John's River in Nova Scotia, your Honours will Determine what is most Expedient in the present Distressing Circumstances of Affairs

I am your Honours most Obedient Humble Servant

Jon^a Warner

Hardwick July 22 1777
at 11 °Clock at Night

Letter from Stephen Smith July 31, 1777

Machias July 31, 1777

May it pleas your Honors

I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that I arrived safe at this place on the 17 instant, and the people here making

all possible preparation, in order to receive or rather repulse the enemy hourly expected from St Johns, where they had defeated our people, which your Honors have Doubtless learnt before this. The particulars of the unhappy affair I cannot fully inform you. but shall only say, According to the best accounts, we have. three ships & two sloops arrived in the mouth of the river, nearly to gether between the 23 & 29 of June Last The Vultur was the first, which arived, & in a few Hours after she Sent two of her boats on Shoar. which ware drove off by our people with the Loss of 8 men as we are informed on the side of the Enemy but without any Damage on our Sid. 4 or 5 Days after the enemy landed secretly on a point that could not be defended by our small party about 250 Strong, who marched up to our incampment. and obliged our men to Retreat up the river: after exchanging a few shott in which action they lost 9. & we only three the enemy in this victory have given us an other proof of theire more than savage disposition. for while one of these unhappy men that fell was crying for quarters, and only slightly wounded as we suppose they inhumanly murdered him. Neither did this satiate their infernal thirst for Blood, but proceeded to scalp him & his companion, that lay Dead by his Side and then threw the scalps into the face of the third miserable sufferer, while he lay groaning under the anguish of a mortal wound, and the horrors of approaching Death — Our whole party were obliged, after this surprize to retreat up the river, with the utmost expedition, as they were closely pursued by the Enemy: and on their way they met Mr Allan Coming Down to their assistance, but he returned, & is now encamped with the Indians in the more hospitable embraces of the wilderness. The rest of our people tarried upon the river, till the enemy took possession of all the Settlements. And took three Cumberland men prisoners, and robed the most of our friend_ of their substance, when our

Party ware obliged to come off for want of provisions. I have just now learnt by some Indians, who left St Johns 9 Days agoo, that Michall Franklin Esqr Superintendant of the Indians in that Province, is still there, exerting himself to the utmost, in order to bring over all the Indians he can meet with, to a sense of what he calls their duty, but has little success. The troops also continue there, but talk of memoving soon. There is but one Ship at the Mouth of the river, and only 30 men stationed there as a guard. It Does not appear that they intend to fortify that post at present. It is more than probable, therefore, that we can easily recover the Ground if proper measures are pursued. Dawson in his Brig has been for some time regulating Passamaquoddy, & has striped and carried off many of its wretched Inhabitants. The Ambuscade was in here — & sent her barge with a flag, but Capt Wing saw fit to stop them in the mouth of the river, & thereby prevented their making any discovery of our weakness, the officer, Lieut. behaved with great Politeness & pretended that his only Busines was to Exchange some prisoners, and offered to trade with us upon very advantageous termes, but was informed by Colol Foster & the Committee, that we would hold no Correspondence with them, but should treat them as enemies, if they presumed to enter the River again, either with or without a flag. Upon which they retired without effecting any thing. No other Ship has been here this Summer — The Expedition Seemes to move slow I beg there may be no loss of time A number of Boat_ will be wanting. there is a Number of men here & not So many as _ wish there was, but am put to great Diffecult to provid for what there is here —

I must also inform your Honors, that the goods I brought with me must go chiefly to Mr Allan, as the St Johns Indians cannot get a Supply on that river. They used to obtain all the corn they wanted there: but the Inhabitants now either

cannot or dare not Supply them. Neither have the Indians any Disposition to ask it. Mr Allen will Stan$_{\sim}$ in need of at least three hundred Bushels of Corn as well as all other things

The people enlist here as fast as we can Expect, but seem impatient to Receive their bounty. I Shall Do all in my power, and pray that every inducement to enter in to the service may be ready at hand —

This Day Received Inteligence from Mr Allan, and am informed that he will be here in a few Days with all the Tribes of Indians with him, and what I shall Do with Him and his Indians & the party that is here for provisions unless some should arive and that Soon.

I am Your Honor^{s} Very Humble Sarvant

Stephen Smith

August 1st after the foregoeing was Completed and Seald up Capt Gooch hove in Sight & I waited until he came up and Now aquaint you that he has Safly arived and brought Some articles that was Needed which was Shipt by the Hon^{ll} Board of Warr.

Stephen Smith

Superscribed:
on Public Service To The Honble The Council Board
of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Letter from Capt. Jon^{a} Eddy. Aug. 1, 1777.

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

I thought proper to inform your Honors that we arrived safe in the River Machias last Evening, with Stores, Boats, Arms &c &c after a Passage of twelve Days; — Our People have had a small Engagement & are defeated by the Enemy at S^{t}

John's River though with the loss of but three men, the Enemy lost Eight or ten — It seems that one Major Studholm commands there now with about three hundred Men,— Mr Francklin the former Lt Governor of Nova Scotia is appointed Superintendant over the Indians with a salary of £300 Ster: p Ann: from England, so that Mr Allan & he must try which can make the most Proselytes but at present Mr Allan has the best Luck, although he can't be so open in it. There are three armed Sloops now up the River St John's at the Settlement, & the Vulture Man of War of 14 Guns at the Mouth of it — There have been there a little while ago the Ambuscade of 32 Guns & the Mermaid of 28 but are now gone on a Cruise — These are all that have cruisd this way this Summer

I am with due Respect Your honor's Most Obedt Humble Servt

Jona Eddy

Machias Augt 1st 1777

Letter from Tristram Jordan. Aug. 2, 1777.

Pepperrellbor° August 2d 1777

Sir having the Honor of Holding the Naval Office for the Port of Pepperrellbor° by the Appointment of the Honbl General Assembly of this State I Take the freedom of Intreating the Commands of the Honorable Board in a matter Relating to Said Office, and wherein the State is Solely Interested

Some time in May last the Schooner Endeavour William Potter then Master Procured a Permit from the Naval Officer at Newbury Port to depart thence with one Hundred Bushels of corn and gave Bond in the Sum of four Hundred Pounds Conditioned for ye Landing the Same at this Port he then

Proceeded here and Landed some Rum and Rice and without further Permit Saild to the Eastward and Returned in July with Dry Goods and a Certificate from a Person who Called himself Chairman of Penobscut as Evidence that the hundred bushels of corn was Landed at Deer Island a Considerable Distance from Penobscut the Capt Pretending that there was no Committee at Deer Island I had many Doubts about the Authenticity of this Certificate and being well Assured that they Landed their Dry Goods before they came to Enter I Did not Chuse to Enter the Vessel and the Clamour of the People running High upon the Subject Supposing that the Supercargo of the Vessel had been Trading with our Enemies: a Justice of ye Peace Caused Benjam^{n} Cole the Supercargo to be apprehended and Summoned Potter the Master to Swear to the Case who Testified that they Landed one Hundred bushels of corn at Deer Island and Carried Twenty Bushels to Liverpool in Nova Scotia to Cole's Family who Resides there and that they brought from thence Two Pieces of Kersey Some others were Sworn that were supposed to be Interested in the Voyage and from the Whole Circumstances there appeared to be a Complicated peice of Villainy made up of Perjury and Dishonesty — Cole is Bound over to the Superiour Court after this the schooner took on Board a Cargo or Part of a cargo of Boards and as I apprehended was About Proceeding to Sea again without Entry or Clearance Whereupon I Seized her and have Libelled her in ye Maritime Court of this District and Claim her as forfeited to the State if She Should be Condemned the Proceeds of her will be but Small and inconsiderable my only reason therefore for Libelling her was that I might not be Guilty of a Breach of Duty in my Office and to Prevent Contraband Trade for the future.

having thus given you the facts I shall be governed intirely by the Directions of the Honorable Board respecting the

Cause and Shall Esteem myself Highly favoured by receiving their Commands as soon as they can be Transmitted Consistant with Important business Laying before them —

& I am Sir with Great Veneration your most obedient Humble Ser —

Tristram Jordan

To the President of the Hono^l Board to be Communicated

Letter from James Lyon. Aug. 5. 1777.

Machias August 5, 1777 —

May it please your Honors

The difficulties this eastern Country & this place in particular, has labored under, during our unhappy dispute with Britain, you well know: And my difficulties as a minister of that blessed Gospel, which has raised us to our present greatness and glory, have also been laid before you, in part only, for I feel more than either my friends, or I myself can express. I therefore humbly beg leave to observe. That my people are so reduced, that they cannot provide for themselves, otherwise they would never have applied to your Honors for so much assistance; consequently I have been obliged to strain every nerve, even to the neglect of my proper agreeable business, in order to procure the bare necessaries of life, but thro' want of the proper means, I have failed in a great measure, & have suffered much both in body & mind, my bread is Indian procured with great difficulty, my drink water, my meat moose, & my clothing rags, & many of these the dear partner of my misfortunes, who was tenderly educated, has been obliged to beg from those who could illy spare them, but notwithstanding my extreme trials, I have exerted myself to the utmost of my abilities, as a member of the committee & a faithful subject of the State of the Massachusetts,

by day & night, & shall continue so to do, when my duty calls upon me, to assist with my feeble abilities the community in which I live. It is also well known, that I have explored Nova Scotia, in almost every part, & have a personal acquaintance with many of its inhabitants — But when deliverance appeared just at hand, with becoming indignation if I mistake not, I view a Revd Gentleman, well settled, & utterly unacquainted with war & the Country where he is going, crowding himself, via D—— T—— into the place, which God & man evidently designed for me & a fellow sufferer! I can despise the person capable of known deliberate injustice, however great or good his name — I blame not this Hon^{bl} Board. Let the Honble Gentleman, whom I never saw, or injured, to my knowledge, the efficient cause of the continuation of my extreme distress, answer for his conduct to his conscience & his God! — If any thing I have written has given offence to the judicious, the humane, & the patriotic, in either Hon^{bl} House, with deep humiliation I ask their pardon. Such I never meant to instruct in their duty, or to offend, for such I esteem the honor & glory of our Land —

Your Honors will please to accept of the plans &c. mentioned in the enclosed copy of a receipt, & sold to me at public auction in this place. The plan of Nova Scotia from Cape Sable to Canso is very accurate & valuable. I likewise present to your Honors 14 days lodging & boarding of Lieut. Knight & Doctor McFaden, two Gentlemen taken in the schooner Diligent. A compensation for this I applied for in person, & by others, but could not obtain it without too much cost —

Your Honors are now well acquainted with my distressed circumstances, & have it in your power to raise me above want, & serve the State, perhaps, at the same time. I ask not for charity, but for the loan of a sufficient sum, for 12 months, to purchase 6 proper kettles, or pans for salt works,

& to set them up. I have already done something at this business, but cannot procure proper pans. Should your Honors see fit, in your great wisdom & goodness, to grant this request, you will do great service to this place, & still greater to your unfortunate but faithful Servant & Subject

Ja^s Lyon

To the Hon^le The Council & House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Letter from Col. Benj^a Foster. Aug. 8, 1777.

Machias Augt 8th 1777.

May it please your Honors,

The Distresses of this place have been so often laid before you, that you are doubtless weary of hearing from us, & nothing but pure Necessity could induce us to trouble you any further, but our Distress is so great that I cannot Refrain.

We are not only destitute to a great Degree of the Necessaries of Life (exclusive of what your Honors were pleas'd to send here for the Troops yet to be raisd) but we are also threaten'd with a powerful Armament from Nova Scotia to destroy us. We have certain Intelligence that a 50 Gun Ship & some Transports have been fitted out at Halifax & were ready to sail for this Place 12 Days ago: These are to be join'd by 500 Men from St John's River; We Expect them every Hour, & God only knows what will become of us! We have no Strength to resist such a Force, & yet Resist we must.

We have no Assistance (tho' long expected) from Boston except a few Officers without Men! Not Twenty of the two Regiments are yet arriv'd here! Nor can we call in the Militia, for they are so destitute of Provision that they can't

leave their Families/ about 50 Minute Men only excepted) to our Assistance from the whole Regiment.

I beg therefore, that your Honors will take some effectual Method to save us from Ruin, if nothing is done we must soon fall, for our Enemies imagine (if they can destroy this Place) that they shall entirely defeat our Design of invading them: I shall not dictate to Your Honors what ought to be done, but leave the Matter to your superior Wisdom, & shall only observe, that a Quantity of Provision ought in my Opinion, to be immediately deposited in every Part of the Regiment, to be distributed among the Families of those who are call'd away from home on any Emergency, in Defence of their Country

I am with due Respect Your Honors most
obed^{t} hble Servt

Benj^{a} Foster Col^{o}

P. S. For further Particulars Please to Enquire of the Bearer

To The Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay
p favor of Col: Campbell

Letter from Col. Jon^{a} Eddy. Aug. 8, 1777.

Machias Augt 8th 1777

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Since I wrote to your Honors acquainting you of my safe Arrival at this Place and the Defeat of Major Shaw at St John's We have had very alarming Intelligence from the Enemy, several Ways that they have form'd a Design against this Place, and the Information comes so Direct that I thought proper to call on Col^{l} Foster & acquaint him with the Affair; Consulting with him, and Col: Campbell, I found they were of the same Opinion with myself, that the

Place was in immediate Danger, therefore I requested Col: Foster to assist with some of the Militia under his Command, and also by the Advice of Col: Foster & Col: Campbell I wrote to Col: Buck, requesting him to send us some assistance as soon as possible, at the same Time writing to Brig^{r} Genl Warner & Col: McCobb, in order to bring them forward without Loss of Time.

I am with due Respect Your Honors most Obed^{t} humble Servt

Jon^{a} Eddy

P. S. For Particulars relating to the Intelligence above mentioned I beg leave to Refer your Honors to Lt Col^{l} Campbell

p favour of Lt Col: Campbell

Letter to the President of Congress. Aug. 13, 1777.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber August 13 1777

Sir/

Inclosed are Copies of the doings & Resolutions of this Court, respecting an expedition to St John's River in Nova-Scotia.—

This measure was founded upon two Resolves of Congress, of the 8th of January, & 13th of May past; & urged by the Petitions of sundry Inhabitants of Nova Scotia.

The Court were fully convinced upon good Evidence, that the Enemy intended to possess themselves of that River, in order to engage the Indians, in these parts, in their favor, & to open a communication that way, between Nova-Scotia & Canada.— To prevent this, & thereby to preserve the Eastern parts of this State, & relieve our Friends in Cumberland

& Sunbury Counties in that Province, this Court determined upon the Expedition

The principal Object has been mentioned; but tho' we had no reason to expect a sufficient strength to take, & hold the Province; yet, when the River should be well secured, a push might be made for Fort Cumberland, or even Hallifax; at the latter of which, were immense stores, & the Garrison not above 8 or 900 Men at most, & their whole Strength, in that Province not exceeding 2000.

By authentic Accounts, nine tenths of the Inhabitants of that Province are in our favor; but a great part of them have, by one means or other, been disarmed.

Our exertions for Men & Stores for this Enterprize, have been as great, as our circumstances, & the necessary attention to other public measures, would possibly admit of.

The Copies would have been sent sooner, but it was tho't prudent to delay it until the enemies operations up Hudson's River, or elsewhere, should be more fully known to us, & there should be less hazard of their falling into the enemies hands.

We having laid aside the expedition for the present, now lay the whole affair before Congress & desire to be instructed whether any further Measures shall be pursued.

Letter from Col. Jon^a Eddy. Aug. 17, 1777.

Machias Augt 17th 1777.

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Since my last, acquainting your Honors with the Intelligence I had receiv'd, concerning the Enemy's Design of invading this Place, we have found the reality of it.

Last Wednesday the 13th Ins^t appeared in Sight three Ships, a brig and a small Schooner coming from the West-

ward, and standing in for the Harbour, & soon after came to an Anchor at the Mouth of the River; One of them was a large Ship, suppos'd to be the Rainbow of 44 Guns, The Mermaid 28, the Vulture 14, and the arm'd Brig Hope 16 Guns.

Conceiving great Hopes of taking us by Surprize, the Hope stood immediately up the River attended by a Sloop and twelve Boats, till they came opposite to a small Battery we had about 2 miles below the Falls, mann'd with about Twenty men with small Arms and one 2 pounder.

The Enemy attempted to land there with six Boats and a Number of Men but were repuls'd by our People with some Loss.

Early on Thursday Morning, being foggy, thick Weather, they landed on a Neck of clear'd Land, a little below the Battery, in hopes of cutting off the Retreat of our small Party, but Col: Foster who commanded there, took such Precautions in that point as render'd their Hopes abortive, & secur'd his retreat. The Enemy then took Possession of the Battery & burnt two Houses and barns thereabouts, and soon after the Brig stood up the River together with the Sloop and Boats above mentioned, till they came fairly in Sight, and within good Shot of the Falls, not expecting to meet with any Resistance, but seeing Continental Colours flying, and two Breastworks fill'd with Men, one of them having two 2 pounders, the other one 2 pounder and six swivels, they began to think of retreating and accordingly got the Boats a head to Tow the Brig down. This was about Sunset; I instantly detach'd Major Stillman with thirty Men to attack the Boats & harrass the Enemy in their Retreat. The Major proceeded by Land till he got abreast of the Brig and Boats about a Mile and half below the Falls and began a heavy Fire, which was warmly return'd for some Time from the Brig with Cannon and small Arms;

The Affair Continued in this Posture till they came opposite the Battery which they had taken at first when the Brig came to an Anchor, the Boats not being able to keep any longer ahead, because of the incessant Fire of our People, which, as the River is pretty narrow, must do considerable Execution among the Boats; Next morning she got under way again with the Boats ahead, and were again attack'd by our Men on both Sides of the River, but finally got out of reach of small Arms & run aground so that she was left dry at Low Water: Our People got one of the 2 pounders down & began to play upon her in this Position, and hull'd her several Times; It is very unfortunate that we had not one or two good Peices of Cannon, as by that means the Brig must have struck to us — However having lighten'd her with the help of the Sloop, she got off the next high Water & drop'd down to the other Ships & this Morning the whole came to Sail & went out, except the Milford; Their Destinanation is unknown to us as yet but I shall take Care to inform your Honors as soon as I can procure any Intelligence thereof.

I must beg Leave to Request an immediate Supply of Ammunition and Provisions, as what I brought with me will last but a little while, having been oblig'd to expend a good deal in this three days Siege. In all these attacks our Loss is only One Man kill'd and Capt Farnsworth of my Reg^{t} wounded but hope he will do well.

Great Praise is due to Col: Foster and the Militia under his Command, who gave me all the Assistance I could desire and behaved Extremely well, as also to Major Stillman, and the rest of the Officers and Men belonging to the two Regiments now raising.

It happen'd Extremely well for us that Mr Allan and Mr Prebble had arriv'd here with about 40 Indians who were of great Service to us and assisted us greatly —

The Enemy's Loss in all these Attacks must have been pretty considerable, though we cannot at present come at any Certainty of it —

For further Particulars I refer you to Lieu^{t} Col: Campbell who has been very alert on this Occasion, & given us all the Assistance in his Power from the Western Settlements —

I am with due Respect Your Honors most Obed^{t} Humble Servt

Jon^{a}: Eddy

p favour of Lt Col: Campbell

Letter from John Preble. Aug. 17, 1777.

Machias Augt 17th 1777

Honour^{d} Sir

I Rec^{d} your agreeable favours Dated June 9th & July 17th by Col^{o} Eddy & thank you for the Honour you intended me) am desirous of Serving the State in any Respectable Capassaty & Should be Glad of a Company if it can be Obtain^{d} I think I may be appointed a Captain in the Novi scotia Battallion without Raising the Men I am sensible its agreable to their officers by what I have heard those present say. I live very happy & am treated with Grate friendship & Politeness by Col^{o} Eddy & Col^{o} Nevers. I have always been with Mr Allen since he ariv^{d} from the Westward & have been his interpreter & assistant in any thing he pleas^{d} to Command me in Bringing the Indians of from St Johns & to our assistance which is now Compleately performed.) for their is numbers of them I have had under my Command in the late action here with Dessen who has behaved with the Gratest Bravery eaquel to Vettran Troops, you will have a Particular account Rote by the Commanding officer I suppose so Shall only Mention that dossen & 3 Ships arived here Wednesday Landed 150 men at Mr Scott Farm 3 miles

below the town drove a few of our people from a Battery wherein was a peace of Cannon & one Swivel Burnt 3 Houses & a Barn, then Thursday imbark^{d} their men in a Sloop taken of Capt Longs & proceeded up to the Town of Machions with the Brigg & Sloop towed by a Number of Boats. at their arival finding the place fortifyed by some Woorks Cannon & Swivels Mounted the men well pleas^{d} I with the Indians upon the left Made such an apperance that dossen immediately Tack^{d} Round & began towing down the River this was all by Col^{o} Edeys Good Conduct. a detachment was immediately ordered down the Western Side of the River to fire upon the Boats which was dun with the Gratest Resolution that Evening & Run the Brigg a Ground after killing some of their men our loss was but one man kill^{d} altho they fired verry Sharply with their Cannon the Next morning at light I was down with the Indians & peppered the Brigg a spell the tide serveing at about 10 oclock she Got under way it being Calm was obblig^{d} to make use of her Boats then we ware Reinfors^{d}, & played upon them from Both Sides the River which Gaul'd them much & Run the Brigg a Ground a Gain mile & half below, then a peace of Cannon was provided & played upon her together with Small arms till the Night tide when She went down. I then commanded a party of 35 men to Watch their motions.) to day they have all Saild but one Ship so that we are verry happy now after the Gratest fateague by Col^{o} Eddeys desire I shall tarry till I heare from Boston as we dont know what may happen here.—

The Goods I Rec^{d} of the States is all dispos^{d} of Except what the Enemy took from me when I was drove of the River the first time, Some to Mr Allen with Beaver &^{c} for the use of the Indians for their Services as paper money woudent answer.

I shall Render a just account as soon as I come up to Bos-

ton. I must beg the favour you Gitt me a Captains pay if posible it may be dun with the Indians I think as Interpreter to Mr Allen & assistant &^c^.

I hope Sir you will Rite Me all oppertunitys which will be much Obbligeing

your affectionate & Dutifull Son

John Preble

P.S. I hope Sir you will due all in your Power to hassen this Expedition I long to see Novi Scotia Redus^d^

Sir

Since I Wrote my letter a deserter is arived who Swam 2 miles from the Rainbow & informs me they sent 300 men up the River to land that about 60 was kill^d^ in the hole.) 10 of their people was kill^d^ & 10 wounded. another man left the Ship in Company with him but what is become of him he Cant tell, their was 60 of Capt manlys men on Board which ware station^d^ between decks the Ships that was here was the Rainbow Maremaid Vulter & Dossen Brigg they had been at Mount desert where 2 torys went on Board them) the Capt of the Rainbow Swares he will Bring more men & Destroy machious he thinks there was 600 here —

Superscribed

To Brig^d^ Genl Prebble att Boston

Letter from Eben^r^ Sayer. Aug. 18, 1777.

Wells Aug^st^ 18th 1777

Hon^d^ S^r^

I have taken the utmost Pains to obey the last Order of Council & make Return of the Men drafted & marchd but find that I cannot have Returns 'till the Day fix'd by Council for me to make a Return I expect the Companies

drafted from this Brigade will march the last of this Week or the Beginning of Next at farthest.

I am with Respect your Honors Most obed^{t} hum^{l} Servt

Eben^{r} Sayer

Hon^{r} Col^{o} Powell

p^{r} Fav^{r} N Wells Esqr

Letter from Jon^{a} Eddy Esq. Aug. 18, 1777.

Machias August 18th 1777

Sir,

I wrote yesterday to the Honble Council, acquainting them with the Particulars of our late Seige here: but could not give any Certain Account of the Enemy's Loss in their attempt on this Place, but last Night a Deserter swam ashore from the Ship still remaining in the Harbour, who gives us the following Intelligence viz: That the Number of the Enemy at first was three hundred Men, and that the Loss they sustained in the several Attacks was upwards of Seventy kill'd and wounded;

Please to communicate the above to the Council —

I am Sir Your most Obed^{t} Humble Servt

Jonathan Eddy

To Honble Brigad^{r} Prebble

p favor of Lt Col: Campbell

Letter from the Council to John Allan Esq. Aug. 19, 1777.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber, August 19th 1777

S^{r}/

You have been advised that the general Court have laid aside, for the present, the expedition to St Johns River.

This encloses a Copy of a Resolution of Court of the 16th Inst. for retaining one Company, with Provisions, Arms &c for the Service of the Eastern Parts.— Colo Eddy has instructions respecting the Company; & Mr Stephen Smith is instructed about the Provisions, Arms, &c To these persons you will apply in the premises as occasion shall require.

We hope you will be directed into the wisest & best measures, & be preserved from the hands of our enemies, whose tender mercies are cruelty in the extreme. The Indians may be furnished, in some degree, from the Stores in Mr Smith's hands. Your favor of the 10th Ulto came to hand a few days since —

John Allan Esqr
Machias

Letter to Stephen Smith. Aug. 19, 1777.

State of Massachusetts-Bay
Council Chamber, August 19th 1777.

Sir/

Yours of the 31st ulto came duly to hand — The circumstances of our Military affairs, especially in the Northern Department, has occasioned the laying aside for the present the intended expedition to St John's River. Inclosed you have a Copy of the Resolution of Court of the 16th Inst for raising one Company for the Service of the Eastern parts, & for retaining certain provisions &c Agreeable to which, you will retain in your hands the said 13 Barrels of Pork, 37 Barrels of Beef, 20 Barrels of Flour, & 52 Barrels of Bread, for the use of said Company, & Such of the Inhabitants of the Eastern parts (our Friends) who may stand most in need of Aid. You will also retain Such a part of the Fire-Arm, Ammunition & Accoutrements, in your hands, as you

shall judge necessary for said Company And you will also deliver the same agreeable to the Spirit & intention of said Resolve.—

Mr Stephen Smith Machias

Letter from Col. Josiah Brewer. Aug. 20th 1777.

Penobscot August 20th 1777

Honourd Sir

I would beg leave to acquaint your Honour That the Provission I Received for the Penobscot Guard under the Command of Leiut Andrew Gillman Ended the 11th Instant I shall be oblig'd to your Trouble in procureing an order for the remmainder of the Provission (to be sent me by the first opportunity) to the 1st of Decer next Agreeable to Order of Court Dated the 28th April last — As I have Borrow'd Provissions to Supply them untill I cou'd procure it from Boston — I make no doubt you have heard of the movement of the Enemy to Machias. The commanding Officer their has requested my Assistance — I have agreeable to his request Equip'd one fourth part of my Regiment, with Arms, Ammunition & Provissions & have sent them under proper Officers — Also Order'd Lt Gillman to send the Major part of his Guard to their Assistance —

Your Trouble in The Above will be great fully Acknowledg'd By

Your Most Obedient Humble Servt to Command

Josiah Brewer

To The Honble Artemas Ward Esqr

Letter from John Johnson. Aug. 20, 1777.

May it Please your Honours

The Councel of the Massachusetts Bay in New England was Pleased to Honour Me with a Commision of the Milli-

tary Command of a Company in the Western Precinct of Pownalborough And my Affairs is Such that I cant do my Duty therein acording to the Expectation of the Council, I therefore most Humbly Begg leave of your Honours To Resigne the Said Commision —

And whareas my first Leautenant Mr Carr Barker of said Company is a suitable Person to take the Command of said Compeny and Jonathan Reed J^r^ the Second Leautenant of said Company is a sutable Person allso and Agreabl to the People to be advanced to the first Leautenant if your Honours Should Think it Proper to Honour them with those Commands And Mr Thomas Densmore first Sargant would be a suetabl Person for a Second Leautenant and I beleave aGreabl to the People If your Honours Should think Proper to Honor him with that Command — All which is Most Humbly Submitted By your Honours Most Dutifull Most Obediant and Vary Humbl Servt

John Johnson

Pownalborough West
Precinct August 20th 1777

Copy of Letter from John Milligan Aug 22^d^ 1777.

Sir,

I have sent the Bearer to you with a Proposal which I hope you will think both just and requisite, and that accordingly you will comply with it; as it will be a means of instantly alleviating the Hardship of Confinement and likewise in future serve many of your People that may fall into our hands; I have on board His Majesty's Ship under my Command, four Young Men, Natives of Boston, Marblehead &c — that want to be at home with their Friends — Now if you will exchange the Four men belonging to me (that

some of your People surprizd, and took Prisoners at Cross Island, the day before Yesterday, as they were innocently & without Suspicion of hurt to any one, filling some Water Casks) I will send you these four young Men in Lieu — You may assure yourself I am upon Honour, Send me the Men either by themselves or with others, you may be assur'd no one of their Conductors shall be touch'd or offended — I would observe that when the Blonde was in the River, we could have burnt all the Dwelling Houses along Shore — But even that, or pillaging, I despis'd as it was only affecting a few poor People — This is mention'd to say something in favour of the four Men now in your hands — Their Loss to the Ship is not much (as they are all Land men) to them selves poor Fellows great, as missing the Ship now, they may never join her again —

Blonde in Machias Bay 22d Augt 1777

I am Sir, Your most hble Servt

Jno Milligin

To the Principal Officer or Commandant at Machias Town

Copy.

Letter from Jona Eddy Aug. 23d 1777

Machias August 23d 1777

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Since my last, I am inform'd the Frigate that remain'd in the Harbour after the Departure of the other Ships, is the Blonde of 32 Guns, and understanding that Boats went frequently from her to Cross Island at the Mouth of the Harbour for the Purpose of wooding and watering, on the Evening of the 19th Inst I detach'd Major Stillman with a Small Party of our Men & a few Indians to Cross Island, who next morning having discover'd some of the Enemy

ashore Watering, attack'd them, took three Prisoners, kill'd one and wounded all the rest, four in Number, one of them mortally, who nevertheless got on board: Last Night I receivd a Letter from the Captain of the aforesaid Frigate proposing to exchange four New England Men he had on board for those we took the other Day a Copy of which I herewith enclose your Honors, but the Boy who was sent with the Letter, was so long coming, that the Ship got under Sail & went off — so that I am oblig'd to send them Westward.

I must Request of your Honors to send me a speedy Supply of Men and also of Ammunition and Provisions, as it appears very probable to me, and I am also inform'd by the Boy who brought me the Letter from the Captain of the Frigate, that the Enemy's Ships are gone for more Men, And will make a second Attempt on this Place, if they can get a sufficient Reinforcement, which, as Matters are now circumstanced here a small force will do —

I am with due Respect Your Honors most obed^{t} Humble Servt

Jon^{a} Eddy

Letter from Eben^{r} Sayer. Aug. 24, 1777.

Wells Augst 24th 1777

To the Hon^{l} Council of the State of Mass^{ts} Bay

May it please your Honors

Agreable to Order of Council of the 9th Ins^{t} I herewith send a Return of the Sixth Part of the able bodied effective Men drafted from the Brigade in the County of York and have given Orders for them to march the 25th Ins^{t} I have

likewise assign'd proper Officers to command the Battalion as will appear by my Return —

As I doubt not but your Honors are dispos'd to pay the Strictest Attention to the Interest of every Individual in this State you will permit me to express my Sentiments relative to a late Appointment in this County I mean a Brigadier with that Plainness and Freedom which every Member of Society is intitled to.

It has ever been consider'd that when an Officer is superseded that at least some Part of his Conduct in Office is blameable and therefore he is degraded but if Facts do not justify the Step his Character (which to a Man of the least Sensibility is dearer than Life) is injured if this is admitted I would ask am not I unjustly degraded? Perhaps it may be answer'd the Court exercis'd their Judgment & appointed a Gentleman of the most distinguished Abilities in the Brigade I am positive Nine Tenths of the Brigade are of different Sentiments and I could heartily wish Mr Frost's Abilities and Acquirements might be bro^t^ to a publick Examen I wish not to be distinguish'd by titular Dignities but only demand that an Inquiry may _ had into my Conduct whilst in Office and if it deserves the Stigma the Court has been pleas'd to affix to my Character I shall be perfectly satisfied —

But as the publick Exigencies require a Commander of the first Regiment in this Brigade I will inform your Honors I shall not for the future act as I have heretofore officially by your Honors Command as Col^n^ of the first Reg^t^ in this Brigade or Col^n^ Command^t^ of Brigade whilst Mr Frost holds a Commission as Brigadier the only Fav^r^ I have to request of your Honors is that you would permit me to resign my Commission as a Justice of the Peace which I herewith inclose I have the Honor to be

Y^r^ Honors Most obedi^t^ hum^l^ Servt

Ebenezer Sayer

Letter from Col. Benjn Foster. Aug. 27, 1777.

Mechias 27th August 1777

May it please your Honors

In compliance with my duty, permit me to inform your Honors that on the 13th Instant came into this Harbour three Brittish ships & one Brigantine of Sixty, thirty two, twenty eighty, & fourteen guns. The Brig with one flat bottom arm'd & the ships boats made all dispatch up the river till they were within reach of a Breastwork we had thrown up when a firing began on our part from the breastwork & on the enemies from the Brig & Boats, one of the Frigates follow'd so far up the river till she grounded. the day following they landed under cover of their Cannon favor'd by a very thick fog, from the best account, about three hundred men, paraded themselves, set fire to three Dwelling houses & two Barns & re'enterd their vessels, same day they attempted to carry the principal part of the settlement but met with so spirited an opposition that the Brig with the Boats assistance made the best of their way down river again and on the third day after a smart firing on them by the Inhabitants, Indians & people, occasionally with us they left the river, had we been possest of but six Cannon of 12 or even 9 pounders the Brig & Ship would never have got out of the Harbour. Our loss was one man killed & Capt Farnsworth slightly wounded, but from the best intelligence we are able to get of prisoners and deserters their loss is very great. at present they have left the Harbour but how soon they will return with a superior strength we are unable to determine. our accounts are that the ships are return'd Nova Scotia for more men and we are in full expectation of a speedy visit from them again the expedition forming against Nova Scotia we are fully perswaded has drawn the enemy on us. the Order your Honors have sent for Disbanding the Regiments & transporting the military

stores & provisions from this place back has thrown us into the utmost consternation we are exposed both to the insult of our adversaries and apparent want. the Indians among us appear dejected & apprehend they shall be obliged to join the enemy for support & unless your Honors will immediately relieve us with men Provissions & Cannon we must fall a Sacrifice. the Committee with desire of the inhabitants have agreed to detain what supplies are already in the place till they can hear from your Honors, and take into pay one hundred of the Militia west of us belonging to this Regiment, for one month, as this was the place of rendevous the enemy has its destruction much at heart, & in case they carry their point upwards of one hundred families will be destroy'd, captivated or must flee into the heart of the state for protection & relief & an extent of more than one hundred mile seacoast will become an easy prey.

If we are worth preserving may I beseech your Honors, in behalf of the inhabitants to afford us that immediate assistance of men & Supplies, your Honors shall judge effectual for our preservation. I have the pleasure to inform your Honors that the Indian & Inhabitants exerted themselves to their utmost notwithstanding the superior numbers & strength of the Enemy forced them to retreat with great loss, besides the foregoing damage done they consumed one grist mill & plunderd some Houses —

I am with profound respect Your Honors most obedient humble servant

Benjn Foster

The Honorable Council & Honorable Representatives for the Massachusetts State —

Letter from George Stillman. Aug. 27, 1777.

Machias Augt 27th 1777 —

May it please your Honors —

Agreeable to my appointment as Major of a Regiment to be Raised for an expedition to St Johns I Repaired, by your directions, with the disatches &c. to this Place, & with the consent & advice of Lieut Col^{o} Minott, I appointed the Officers, of three companies, who proceed to raise their men as fast as Possible, but they had not all the success that could be wished, for only twenty nine in one Company have passed muster, and twenty four in the other. the third Company has a number Ingaged but none mustered. the officers & men of the musterd companys, have been on duty for six weeks Past, and have received the most of their bounty, and blanketts, & behaved with the utmost bravery in the late action in this Place, indeed we were all in high Spirits and every thing seemed to wear a smiling aspect, till the Brigade Major Mr Newell arrived with positive orders to Disband all the troops in this department except those under my Command. For the discharge of these there is no order tho I am fully convinced by what appears, that it was your Honors pleasure, that they also should be Dismissed. However as I Can keep them under my Command without breaking orders, and the exigencies of this Place seems to make it absolutely necessary so to do, I am determined, thro a Clear conviction of the necessity of Such a measure, and the importunities of the Committee and others, to detain them in the Service, till your honors pleasure is known. the danger this place is in continually has doubtless been represented to the Honble Court by the Committee and Col^{o} Allan, & therefore I shall only add, that I View it as in a Very critical situation, and that its preservation is an object worthy the attension of the State, when considered only in itself, but when we view machias as a Valuable frontier town, a proper Retreat for

the Indians, and a barrier to all our eastern Country, its importance to the state Rises in our esteem a Greater Excitement for Defending it

I have the Honour to be With the Greatest Respect, your Honors Most Obedient Humble Servt

George Stillman

Superscribed:

On Publick Service The Honble the Council Board for the State of the Massachusetts Bay Boston

Machias August 28. 1777 — This may certify that there is in my hands the following Stores belonging to the State of Mass^{a} Bay put into my care at the request of the Committee of Safety of this place & the officers of the Militia &c —

81 stand of Arms compleat with Accoutrements
8 Arms & Bayonets slings & Belts
2 Arms with slings only
13 Tin Kettles
7 double Blanketts
76 single ditto
500 flints
1512 Cartridges
3 broken Drums
3 Fife
4914¾ lb Salt Beef at the rate of 220 lb in each Barrell
2747 lb hard Bread

The above are all that remain in my hands unexpended

p^{r} Stephen Smith

Copy

Mechias 28th Augt 1777 —

May it please your Honours

I have now to acquaint the Honble Board that soon after my arrival from the westward — Major Stillman, Return'd in order to pass muster, Fifty Four non Commissioned Officers & Soldiers — the Attempt of the Enemy with the many Intellegences daily recd of their movements, Brings Duty very hard & Close, so that most of the recruits Cou'd not give that Little Assistance to their familys, as they Expected when Listed, to do before their being Embodied —

This Occasioned many heavy Complaints, & for fear the Service should be Detered, & Willing to perform every thing which in me Lay for the good of it, I collected all the money Possible, wch I paid the Soldiers & Deliverd notes of hand for the remainder — This being done without Immediate orders from your Honours, or the Brigadier, it may no Doubt be Disputed, but as the service so much required it, & the men still Continuing in the Service; I must pray your Honours to order the money to be sent me, the amount of which I here inclose you —

I also advanced them, Blankets, & other things, which were to be allowed them. I was some what obliged to do this sooner than I intended, for there was not those suitable necessarys to Compleat their Raitions, such as molasses, beans, Pease, Indian meal, Butter, Candles, Soap &c

The Duty has been very severe, both Militea, as well as Inlisted Troops, very Little has been done by People in their Private business, not much Hay as yet been Procured, which Consequently will bring people to great straits, as well for their own Support as their stock —

Time not permiting me at the Time Col. Campbell went of_ to write respecting the Enemys Attempt & other matter — shall defer mentioning any thing at Present on that subject, as I Doubt not some others have given the Particulars

— The Present Exigency, & Distress of these parts is hardly to be Conceived by a Stranger, the removing our Prortys & famileys in the woods, for fear of the Enemy — many persons Property was Embezzeled, & Distroy'd — & Their Familyes much Exposed — many Laying out in the open woods.—

your Honours may remember that it was resolved, that any Provisions advanced for the St Johns Expidition, should be replaced, wch people puting their dependance on, by the scarcity, daily application is made, there is still remaining due 3691½ ^{lb} Pork, 660 lb Rice, 1493 lb flour, 2 C Sugar, 11 Gall^{s} N. E. Rum. This Expedition being of much service in securing the Interest of the Indians, I Doubt not but your Honours will order it to be replaced — The Truck House is at Preasent very Bare, Mr Allan have Drained it very much with the Indians. we have great satisfaction in their zealous Attachment, but a great Expence Ensuing, which Mr Allan & myself is very uneasy about, pray Let me know Perticularly about it.— I have Impower'd Col^{o} Campbell to act for me who is an Honest man — I shall as soon as Possible give a proper state of matters —

I am with Duty & Respect y^{r} Honours most obedient very Hble Servt

Stephen Smith

Superscribed

On Publick Service To The Honble The Councel Board of the State of the Massachusetts Boston

Dr The State of the Massichusetts Bay in acc^{t} with Stephen Smith C^{r}

1777				
Augt 4th	To Cash paid Capt Gooch for Freight of Sundrys from Boston Shipt by The Honble board of Warr	36	10	9

To Bountyes paid to 54 Men Inlisted and Past Muster in Col. McCobbs Redgt @ 120s/	324		
To 1355lb Fresh Beef Purchased for the Troops by Directions of Col. Eddy @ 6d p lb	33	17	6
To 22¾ Gallons West India Rum Deliverd the Troops at Sundry Times by orders from Coll Eddy @ 12s/ p Gal	13	13	
	£408	1	3
To Ballance in my favour p Contra	273	1	3
Also Deliverd in time of the Enemys Invasion against this Place 19½ GallS New England Rum out of the Rum in my care belonging to the Truck House —			

1777

By Cash recd of Col Jonathan Eddy to Pay Soldiers Bounty	£135		
By Ballance in my favour	273	1	3
	£408	1	3

Mechias Augt 28, 1777

Errors Excepted Stephen Smith

Letter from Benja Foster. Aug. 28, 1777.

Machias August 28, 1777

Sir

You are well acquainted with the vigorous attack made upon this place by our enemies, & their shameful retreat, & that we were in high spirits, & had a prospect of standing our ground, should our enemies return with twice the force.

But words cannot describe the distress & consternation, that succeeded the discharge of the troops destined against Nova Scotia. We have, however, come to a resolution, to call in 100 men of the militia & to pay them ourselves, if the General Court do not see fit to pay them. But such are our circumstances, that I expect we shall be as much distressed for provisions, as with the apprehension of another attack. I beg therefore, that you would use all your influence with the General Court, in order to obtain relief, both in men & provision. And as almost all the inhabitants of this place have for some time past been obliged to lay aside their business, & attend in the best manner they are able, to the preservation of the place, & are still obliged to do so, I desire you would lay this matter also before the Court, & pray them to put us under pay. I shall only add, that, as you are no stranger to our distresses, I take it for granted, that you will do every thing in your power for the benefit of this place, this distressed eastern Country, & the State

I am Sir your very humb[l] Servant

Benj[a] Foster

Col. Alex[r] Campbell
Favord by Major Nevers

Letter from Committee at Machias. Aug. 29, 1777

To the honorable The Councel for the State of Massachusetts bay

May it please your honours The Committee of Mechias begg Leave one More To aquent you of our most Distressing Scurcomstances wee Still Labour by the horrows of warr and blood sheed. wee flattered our selves wheen wee understood that thayr was Two Regments to be Roased for an Expeadition to S[t] Johns and the Alford man of warr with

such other Ships as mite be thought Necessary for the Protaction of the Stores for said Armement, ware to Randevews at mechias Would aBen a Suffient Protection for this place for this Seson but alass it has a Deferent affact, the Intelligence thareof Our Enemys Got no Doubt Verey Early of this matter which has Turned this place Reather into a Coind of a Seat of war as Thay heave Indevered to Totieley Distroy uss firt wee ware alarmed by the Amberskade of Thirty Two Guns Who Sent A Leut with a Barge Crewa shore under a flagg proteending Thay Wanted to Exchange Prisners & that the Capt Wanted To see the Committe on bord and Talk with

Declared thay Shuld be used well and be Sot on shore agene ameaditely but wee thinking them to be Reather Speys them aproper flagg Ordered them to Depart Ameaditely as we Shuld hold no Correspondence with him nor his Captian to which thay Complyed Shee Ly her some time which accosened the melitia under Conol Foster to be upon Dutey to wach thare motions and So it has Continued the most part of this Summer the Melitia of this place has ben heald to Close Dutey which has Reduced the Inhabatnents to Great Streats and Deffcultys as well as Some of our Neabouring Meletia Who Came to our Assestence notwithstanding all wee Culd Due the Enemy after passing up the River with three Ship A Brig and Sloope burnt one Grist mill three Dewling houses two Learge Barns with Considerabel English Hay in them plundred many houses Down River whare no Person Oposed them, Carred on bord thare Ships Cattel Sheap & hoogs the Number we Cannot assartion, but it has Distressed the Poor Inhabatnents greateley whos houses and affacts ware under the Command of the Ships Guns & all the women & Childreen In the place ware Removed back into the woods which Remained almost a Week without any Shealer but the woods and the wather proving Verey Reney

Every night During the Time of the Seage and many of them Not heaving any of the Common Nacesserys of Life to Subsist on but throo an Interpossition of Divin providence wee obliged the Enemy to Retreat with a Considrabel Loss according to the Best accounts we Can gitt our Loss was only one Killed & Capt Farnsworth Wounded Who is Like to Do well &c —

Last Sundey arived heer Bridgade maj^r Newel with orders for Disbanding the Trups which Struck the Whol Inhabatent Into the utmost Constanation after Just Repaleing the Enemy and Expecting to Return verey Soon agine with a Stronger forcee Ameadetely assembleyed a Meeting of the whole and Chose a Committe to Waite upon Conol Eday to Diser him not to Disband the Trups under his Command Tell your honours Culd be notified of our Sitevation and your Peleusher be further Known to which Requst he Declined Maj^r Stillman with a Detchement of Conol McCobbs Regemnt under his Command ar not as yett Dismeseed the Inhabatnents at said Meeting Voted umaminesly and signed to a Cartain Agreement to Boind them selves and Easteats to pay and Suport one hundred of the Neabrouing Meletia which the Conol will ameaditeley Draft for the Defence of this place as we are willing to Lay Down our all in the Cause wee had Reather Spend what Littel we heave In Defending so Glorious a Cause then to heave it fall Into the hands of Brittish Tyrants Who Ever wee are not out of hopes of your honors Protection wee humbly ask that the two Companys Wes & Dyers under the Command of Maj^r Stillman may be filled and Keep up for the Defence of this place as well as the one hundred meleteae men be payd and suported for a while which number wee hope will be Suffient With our own Inhabatnents to In Counter what Enemey are Like to Come to anoy uss. & we must not forgett to mention the Indians good attachment to our Cause

Enflueneced by John Allen Esqr the Super Intendent, which behaved to great Satisfaction During the Leat Seange & your honours ware pleased to send up an Order on Capt Stephen Smith to Receve of him and Replace what Provisions in Coind to the severel Persons that advanced it towards Suporting the Party that went to St Johns which he has in part to some Necessetus Persons but as Conol Edeys Demands has ben so Great for proviseons said Smith has it not in his power to Replace all thare is Still Due to severel Persons 3691 ½^{lbs} pork 1493 ½^{lb} flower 666^{lb} Rice 3 bushels peas & 200^{lb} Shuger Insteed of molasses as that Culd not be obtaneed All of which is Due to Severel Persons which are in Great want of it and are Dealing Calling upon the Committe for it as thay obleagated them selves to Replace the Same we pray your honors as Sune as posabel to Enabel Capt Smith

To the Hon. Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay:—

I have Endeavoured to inform your Honors in some part of my Proceedings since my departure from Boston. I left the long wharf in Boston together with Mr. Row & Mr. How and arrived at Mewbury the second Day, where we chartered a small Vessel to carry us to Machias, at which place we arrived after many unfortunate Accidents in about three weeks from the time of setting out. During my stay at Machias I met with Col. Shaw by whose favor I obtained Capt West & several other good Men, to the amount of about twenty, to join me in the Expedition against Fort Cumberland. Then Proceeded to Passamaquoddy where I was joined by a few more: from thence to the River St Johns I went up the Same about Sixty Miles to the Inhabitants whom I found almost universally to be hearty in the cause

and joined us with 1 Capt 1 Lieu^{t} & Twenty five Men, as also 16 Indians: so that our whole force now amounted to Twenty two Men, and with this Party I set off for Cumberland in Whale Boats and canoes, and standing up the Bay arrivd in a few Days at Shepody in the s^{d} County.

at Shepody we found and took Capt Walker and a Party of thirteen Men who had been stationed there by Col. Goreham Commander of the Garrison at Cumberland, for the Purpose of getting Intelligence &c. Hence we Proceeded to Memrancook, and there had a conference with the French, who Readily joined us, although they saw the weakness of our Party We then march'd 12 miles through the woods to Sackville & there were met by the committee who Expressed their Uneasiness at seeing so few of us and those unprovided with artillery. Nevertheless hoping that Col. Shaw would soon come to our Assistance with a Reinforcement they unanimously joined us. The same Night, I sent off a small Detachment who march'd about 12 miles through very bad roads to Westcock and there took a schooner in Aulack River, loaden with Apples, Cyder, English Goods &c. to the Amount of about £300 but finding afterwards that she was the Property of Mr. Hall of Annapolis, who is a good friend to the Cause of Liberty, I discharged her. I afterwards sent another Boat Load of Men, as a Reinforcement to the first Party, making together about 30 Men, in order to take a Sloop which lay on the Flats below the Fort loaden with Provisions and other necessaries for the Garrison. After a Difficult March, they arrivd opposite the Sloop, on board of which was a Guard of 1 Sergt. & 12 Men who had they fired at our People must have alarmd the Garrison in such a Manner as to have brought them on their Backs. However our Men rushed Resolutely towards the Sloop up to their Knees in Mud which made such a Noise as to alarm the Centry who hailed them & immediately called the Sergt. of the Guard.

The Sergt. on coming up Ordered his men to fire, but was immediately told by Mr. Row that if they fir'd one Gun, every man of them should be put to Death, which so frightened the poor Devils that they surrendered without firing a shot although our People Could not board her without the assistance of the conquered who let down Ropes to our men to get up by. By this time the Day broke and the Rest of our Party made to their assistance in the schooner aforementioned & some Boats. In the mean Time Came down Several Parties of Soldiers from the Fort not knowing the Sloop was taken (who) as fast as they Came were made Prisoners by our Men & ordered on board. Among the Best Capt. Barron, Engineer of the Garrison and M. Eagleson, who may be truly Called the Best of Society and by his unseasonable Drunkenness the Evening before prevented his own Escape and occasioned his being taken in Arms.

The Sloop now beginning to float and the Fog breaking away, we were discovered by the Garrison who observing our Sails loose thought at first, it was done only with an Interest to dry them, but soon perceiving that we were under way fir'd several Cannon shots at us and march'd down a Party of 60 Men to attack us, but we were at such Distance, that all their Shot was of no Consequence.

We then saild to Fort Lawrence another part of the Township and there landed Part of the Stores on board the Sloop to Enable us to attack the Garrison

Having left a small Guard on board the Sloop to secure the Prisoners I march'd the Remainder to Cumberland side of the River and Encamped within about One Mile of the Fort, and was there joined by a Number of the Inhabitants so that our whole Force was now about 180 Men, but having several outposts to guard and many Prisoners to take Care of, the Number that Remain'd in the Camp did not exceed 80 Men. I now thought Proper to invest the Fort and for

this Purpose sent a summons to the Commanding Officer to surrender (a copy of which together with his Answer I have Enclos'^{d})

Upon Col. Gorham's Refusal to surrender We attempted to storm the Fort on the Night of the 12th Nov. with our Scaling Ladders & other Accoutrements but finding the Fort to be stronger than we imagined (occasioned by late Repairs) we thought fit to Relinquish our Design after a heavy firing from their Great Guns and small arms without Intermission for 2 Hours which was sustained without any Loss except one Indian being wounded who behaved very gallantly, and Retreated in good Order to our Camp.

Our whole Force in this Attack consisted of about 80 Men while the Enemy was 100 strong in the Fort as I learn'd since from Some Deserters who came over to us; a greater number than we imagined. I must needs acquaint your Honours that never Men behaved better than ours during the Engagement, never flinching in the midst of a furious cannonade from the Enemy.

In this Position we Continued a Number of Days and totally Cut off their Communication with the country, keeping them closely block'd up within the Fort which we Expected to take in a little Time by the Assistance of a Reinforcement from the Westward

In the mean Time on the 27th Nov. arrivd in the Bay a Man of War from Halifax with a Reinforcement for the Garrison consisting of near 400 Men & landed on that and the day following

Novr 30th the Enemy to the Number of 200 came out in the Night by a roundabout March got partly within our Guards notwithstanding we had Scouts out all Night and about Sunrise furiously Rushed upon the Barracks where our Men were quarter'd, who had but just Time Enough to Escape out of the Houses and run into the Brush where

(notwithstanding the surprise in which we were) our Men killed & wounded 15 of the Enemy while we lost only one Man, who was killed in the camp.

In the midst of such a Tumult they at length proceeded about 2 Miles into the country to the Place where they imagined our stores &c. to be & in the course of their March burnt 12 Houses & 12 Barns in some of which the greater Part of our Stores were deposited. In this Dilemma My Party being greatly weakened by sending off many for Guards with the Prisoners &c. and our Stores being consumed it was thought Proper by the Committee that we should Retreat to St. John's River & there make a Stand, till we could have some certain Intelligence from the Westward which we hope we shall have in a short time by the Favour of the committee, who are gone forward. And as it appears to be the Opinion of the Committee of Cumberland & St. John's River that I should Remain here I am determined to make a Stand at this Place till I am drove off which I believe will not be Easily done unless the Enemy should send a Force from Halifax by Water on Purpose to subdue this Settlement as I am continually Reinforced by People from Cumberland and the Neighboring Counties so that I believe we shall be able to Repulse any Party that may be sent from the Garrison of Cumberland though I imagine we shall not be troubled by any Irruption from them this Winter as the Reinforcement is chiefly gone having left only about 200 Men in the Fort and they in a bad condition for want of cloathing; and if 200 men could be sent us by Land this winter we could reduce the Garrison by cutting off their Supplies of Wood which they are obliged to go 8 or 9 miles for through a Country full of small Spruce, Fir & such like wood, consequently very convenient for us to lay in Ambush, as we are perfectly acquainted and the Enemy strangers thereto, and this your Honours may Easily Con-

ceive as we Destroyed a Number of Houses the Property of Friends to each Side which lay adjacent to the Fort and the commanding Officer having given Orders to pull them down & carry the Timber into the Fort for Firing. The Committee Ordered me to Prevent it by firing them which I did accordingly and left them destitute of anything to burn within some miles. On this River are a Considerable Number of Indians who are universally hearty in the cause 16 of whom, together with their Governor Ambrose accompanyd me in the Expedition and behav'd most gallantly but are a little Uneasy that No Goods are yet arriv'd for them from Boston agreeable to the late Treaty with them which was Ratify'd by Col. Shaw in Behalf of the State, and I should be very glad if your Honors would Satisfy them in this Point as soon as possible, as they have been Extremely faithful during this contest; and if this is done I am confident I can have near 200 of them to join me in any Expedition against the Enemy

All my Transactions in this Affair have been done by the Authority of a Committee of Safety, for the County of Cumberland and many Difficulties having arisen for want of commissions I hope your Honor will send some blank ones for the raising of a Regiment in this Province if the Hon. Continental Congress should think fit to carry on the War further in this Quarter so that Proper Regulations may be made and many disorderly actions prevented.

I am Your Honor's Most Obed^{t} & Humble Servt

Jonathan Eddy

Wangerville on the River St. Johns Jan'y 5th 1777.

The Committee on the Petition of the Company of Militia in the Town of Fryeburg have attended that Service and

report by way of Resolve Viz: State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives, January 5, 1777
Resolved. [torn]
chosen by said company [torn]
held at said Fryeburg [torn]
May last Viz: Joseph Fry Jun [torn]
Samuel Osgood first Lieut and Isaac Walker Second Lieut., be and hereby are Established in their respective offices to which they were chosen as aforesaid and all belonging to said Company within the Limit of said Town are hereby enjoined to yeild Due Obedience to their Commands as the Law for Volunteers to Militia of this State Directs. The want of the Presence of a Field officer of the Regiments to which they belong to Preside as Moderator of their Meeting [torn] notwithstanding.

In Council Jany 7, 1777 Sent up for Concurrence
Read & Concurr'd Saml Freeman Speak^{r} P. T.
Jno Avery Dp^{y} Sec'y.
Consented to ——

B. Greenleaf	Jabez Fisher	Moses Gill
Jer. Powell	R. Derby	B. White
John Taylor	D. Hopkins	E. Thayer Jr.
A. Ward	Dan'l Davis	Benj. Austin
Caleb Cushing	Jos. Cushing	F. M. Dana

State of the Massachusetts Bay To the honorable council & honorable house of Representatives of said State in general Court assembled

The Petitions of the Proprietors of Pearson town in the county of Cumberland humbly sheweth

That they have at great expense, built and given the inhabitants of said township a house for public Worship Settled and supported a gospel Minister among them, clear'd

out Roads and made Bridges & amended & repaired them & done as much as they ought or were able to do to promote the settlement of the township. That there are now settled there between fifty and sixty Families most of whom are Freeholders and many of them have good farms & are forehanded farmers and good livers & well able to pay their minister a competent Sallery, if not so large an one as he has received from the Generousity of the proprietors, yet such an one as he ought at present to be content with until said Inhabitants shall be able to increase it considering he has already principally by the proprietors assistance acquired a very good estate in the township. That the last division of lands there is more than half drawn already & ye draft of ye whole will soon be completed, so that they will be proprietors of common lands there but a little while longer and the Business of the propriety as such will soon be finished & closed

Having therefore done as much for said Inhabitants as they ought or are able to do, the Proprietors humbly pray that the said Inhabitants may be obliged to support the Gospel there, amend the roads & bear the burdens incident to towns corporate & that they may also be entitled to the privileges of such and for these purposes the Proprietors humbly pray that said Township may be incorporated, and they as in duty bound will ever pray.

Benj Titcomb Prop^{rs} clerk

in the House & by Order of the Proprietors——

Jany 9, 1777.

State of Massachuseetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jan 8, 1776

On the Petition of the Proprietors of a Township called Pearsontown for the County of Cumberland praying that

said Township may be incorporated for reasons therein mentioned

Resolved that Benjamin Titcomb, Clerk of said Proprietors, notify the Inhabitants of the township aforesaid (by Posting a copy of this Resolve at some Public Place there and also by inserting the same in the Newbury Port News Paper three weeks successively) that they shew cause to this court if any they have on the 19th February next if the court be then setting and if not on the Second Tuesday of the then next meeting of the General Court why the Prayer of said Petition should not be granted

Sent up for concurrence

Saml Freeman Speakr P. T.

In council Jany 9, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Sec'y

Consented to ——

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Caleb Cushing	R. Derby	Moses Gill
E. Thayer Jr	D. Hopkins	Jabez Fisher
Benj Austin	B. White	Jos. Cushing
Dan'l Davis	John Taylor	F. M. Dana

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled

Humbly shews John Murch of Aplace called Mount desert yeoman

That Wyat Moore and James Moore both late of Biddeford in the County of York but now of said place called Mount desert yeomen Sometime in the year 1760 signed and executed a Deed to the Petitioners Father, John Murch, of a tract of land in said Biddeford bounded as follows beginning

at a White pine Stump on the Bank of Little River: thence running South East to Henry Pendexter's Land thirty-one rods and an half and then South west keeping the breadth of thirty-one Rods and an half untill Twenty acres are compleated and that the same Land was by his said Father in his last will and Testament Devised to your Petitioners but the said Deed being in the House of your Petitioners Brother, William Murch, of said Biddeford in the year 1775 unrecorded was burnt with the his said Brothers House whereby your petitioners is deprived of his evidence to his Title to said Land Wherefore he prays your Honours to confirm the same to him by act of Government and he as in duty bound will ever pray Jany 22, 1777

p^r his agent Ja Sullivan

Pay abstract for part of a Company of a Tribe of Indians from Penobscot in the Eastern parts of the Massachusetts State & in the Service of ye United States of America, commanded by Lieut. Andrew Gillman from 13th November 1776 to 7th Feby 1777 Included 15 Days for their Travel from Boston to Penobscot

Arexes — ½ month 42/p^r mo		£3.3
Wongonet 2 mos & 26 days		6.0.6
Attenanies	Ditto	6.0.6
Aussing Neptuno	"	6.0.6
Assonser	"	6.0.6
Joseph James Hatch	"	6.0.6
" Cook (a Mohawk)	"	6.0.6
		£39:6:0

Boston Jan'y 23rd 1777

Errors Excepted

Andrew Gillman

N. B. there must be provision for their passage provided

To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representives for the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of Francis Shaw Junr Humbly shews, that He has lately arrived in this Town, with 9 of the St. Johns & 6 of the Penobscutt Tribes of Indians (that have been Engaged in the Service of the United States of America, and obtained leave from the Honble General Heath to Return to their Familys) — your Memorialist would Represent to your Honors that there is an opportunity of sending the Penobscutts Immediately home, which he can not be able to do until your Honors gives orders for their being cloathed (agree: to Gen'l Heath's promise) and payed the Ballance of wages due to them — Your Memorialist therefore Humbly prays that your Honors would pay such order as in your Wisdom, you may think most Expeditious to cloath, pay & Return them to their Respective Homes & Your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray

F. Shaw.

23 Jany 1777.

In the House of Representatives Jany 24, 1777

On reading the petition of John Murch

Ordered that the said John Murch Serve the said Wyat Moore and James Moore with a copy of this petition and Order thereon that they may appear on the third Tuesday of the first Session of the next General Court to Shew cause if any they have Why the prayer of said Petition^rs should not be Granted.

Sent up for Concurrence

Saml Freeman Speak^r P T.

In Council Jan'y 24th, 1777

Read & Concurred

John Avery Dpy Sec'y.

William Murch of Lawful age Testify and says that Wyat More late of Biddeford in the County of York, now of Aplace, called Mount desert in the County of Lincoln, and James More of the same place some time in the year 1760 signed a deed to the Deponents Father, John Murch, of a tract of Land in said Biddeford bounded as follows: beginning at a white pine Stump on the Bank of Little River & thence running South East to Henry Pendexter's Land 31 Rods & an half, then South west keeping the breadth of thirty-one rods & and an half untill twenty-one are compleated and that the same Land in the last Will & testament of his father was given to the Deponents Brother, John Murch, but the said Deed was never recorded and was burned in the Deponents House the Eighteenth Day of April last

William Murch

York ss. June 12, 1776 Then the above named William Murch made oath to the truth of the above Deposition before me

Ja Sullivan, Justice of the Peace

In the House of Representatives January 24, 1777.

Whereas there is a number of Indians of the Penobscot Tribe in this Town, which this State is obligated to Return Home, and no opportunity offering Except in the Sloop —— Benj. Shaw Master is now already to Sail

It is therefore Resolved that the said Sloop —— be Detained three days (unless the Indians can be got Ready sooner) and Major Shaw is hereby directed to Informe Capt Benj^{a} Shaw thereof, and desire him to prepare said Sloop for the Reception of said Indians.

Sent up for Concurrence

Saml Freeman Speak^{r} P T.

In Council Jan'y 26, 1777
Read & Concurr'd

Consented to — Jn° Avery Depy Sec'y.

John Taylor	Benj. Austin	Jos. Cushing
Jer. Powell	Caleb Cushing	B. White
W. T. Evers	John Whitcomb	A. Ward
W. Spooner	Wm Phillips	E Thayer Jr
D. Hopkins	Moses Gill.	

In Council Jan'y 25, 1777

Whereas it appears that near one hundred poor soldiers now returnd from the army have taken Passage for Casco Bay on board the Sloop commanded by Capt. Benj. Shaw, who was by Order of the Court detained three days from the 24th inst., in order to carry down to Penobscot a number of Indians, now in this Town and it appearing that said Indians are not ready to go home therefore Resolved that said Shaw have Liberty to Sail with his passengers to Casco Bay forthwith, the Orders of yesterday notwithstanding.

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery Dpy Sec'y.

In the house of Representatives Jany 25, 1777
Read and Concurred

Sam'l Freeman Speak P. T.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	John Whitcomb	R. Derby
W. T. Ever	S. Holten	Moses Gill
A. Ward	D. Hopkins	S. M. Dana
W. Spooner	Jos. Cushing	John Taylor
Caleb Cushing	B. White	Benj. Austin
E Thayer Jr		

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jan'y 25, 1777.

The Committee on the Memorial of Francis Shaw J^r have considered the Same & beg leave to report by way of Resolve.

Resolved That there be paid out of the Treasury of this State Seventy-five pounds to Francis Shaw J^r to enable him to cloath the six Penobscutt Indians agreeable to Genl Heaths promise to them & also to pay the ball^ce of Wages Due to them being £39/6^s and Likewise to provide provisions and pay their passage home, he, the said Shaw to be accounted by to this Court for the expenditure of the Money he shall receive that the Continent may be charged for the Same

Sent up for Concurrence

Sam'l Freeman Speak^r P T

In Council Jany 25, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy

Consented to

Jer: Powell	W. T. Ever	A. Ward
B. Greenleaf	W. Spooner	T. Cushing
Caleb Cushing	R. Derby	John Taylor
John Whitcomb	Wm Phillips	Moses Gill
Jos. Cushing	Dan'l Davis	Benj Austin
B. White		

Colony of the Massachusetts Bay for the Billeting of Men at Brunswick in Capt. James Curtis Company when on Duty as p^r Order of the Major of the Regiment . . Drs.

To Billeting 55 Men from the 19th of June to the 24th day of July when Ordered to head Quarters is 5 Weeks each is 275 Weeks @ 5/ £68: 15: 0

To Billeting 2 Men from the 1st July to the
24th July is 6 Weeks 6 days @ 5/ 1: 14 3
Watertown Jany 25, 1776 £70: 9: 3

Errors Excepted

pr James Curtis

Middlesex S S:

Watertown, Jany 26, 1776, Capt James Curtis of Brunswick in the County of Cumberland personally appeared before me the Subscriber and made Solemn Oath that the above Billeting Roll by him Subscribed is just and true in all its parts & was on Duty with said Men by Order of the Major of the Regiment at the said time & that he himself advanc'd Two Barrells of pork for the same purpose, the Remainder the Men found themselves for which he has Received no Reward

Before, Saml Holton Justice of the Peace thro ye Colony

In Council Feby 15, 1776

Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £70: 9/3 in favo of said James Curtis to use of himself and men under his Command in full of the Within Account

Perez Morton, D. Secy

Suffolk Jany 25th 1777 The above and foregoing is a true copy of what was shown to me by Sam'l Thompson Esqr as the original. Examined before me.

J. Greenleaf, Justice peace.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 31, 1777

Resolved: That the Board of War be and hereby are impower'd & directed to take such measures for Supplying the Two Companies Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland and other Sea Coast men as they shall judge best.

And that they settle with Mr. Frost late commissary for Supplying the forces Stationed at Falmouth for the supplies he has afforded the said two Companies Since the last Day of December last and pay him what shall appear to be due him

Sent up for Concurrence

I. Warren Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 31, 1777
Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dep^{y} Secy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	Caleb Cushing
I. Winthrop	Richd Derby	T. Cushing
Moses Gill	S. Holten	John Taylor
B. White	Wm Phillips	Jabez Fisher
F. M. Dana	D. Hopkins	Benj. Austin

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 31, 1777

The House made choice by ballot of Charles Cushing Esqr as Brigadier of the Militia in the County of Lincoln

Sent up for Concurrence

I. Warren Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 31, 1777
Read & Concurred

John Avery Dp^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	Richd Derby
I. Winthrop	Caleb Cushing	John Whitcomb
Jabez Fisher	Moses Gill	S. Holten
Benj. Austin	B. White	Wm Phillips
John Taylor	Dan'l Davis	D. Hopkins

To The Honble Council & House of Representatives of the Massachusetts State.

The Memorial of Francis Shaw Jun, Humbly shews That some Time in June or July last your Honors was pleased to appoint your Memorialist to the Care or Command of the Several Tribes of Penobscutt Passamaquodia St. Johns & Micknac Indians, with the pay of a Colonel in the Continental Service, since which your Memorialist has been into the Government of Nova Scotia & other Goverments and Expects soon to Return into Nova Scotia to Compleat the Business already begun, your Memorialist therefore prays your Honors would be pleased to Grant to Him a Commission in the Continental Service as in your Wisdom you may think proper and your Memorialist as in duty Bound will Ever Pray.

F. Shaw Jr

In Council Jany 31, 1777
Read & Sent Down

John Avery Dpy Secy.

Essex SS. att the Superiour Court of Judicature &c. held at Salem Feb. 7, 1777 —

Upon the petition of William Dodge praying an allowance of Seven Pounds for his time & Expences in removing Solomon Goodwin from Ipswich to Falmouth

Ordered :— That the above petition be granted & that the said sum be paid him by the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland if he has any fines in his hands, if not to be paid by the Treasurer of this State.

Wm Winthrop Cler.

Cumberland SS. April 15th 1777

This may Certify that I have not any money in my Hands belonging to the State of Massachusetts Bay

John Waite Jr

In Council Dec 13th 1777

Read & allᵈ & Ordered that a Warrᵗ be drawn on the Treasurer for £7 in full of the within Accᵗ

Jnᵒ Avery Dpy. Sec'y.

State of Massachusetts Bay to Simⁿ Turner Dʳ

For Going Express from Boston to Yarmouth By Order of Council		
To Horse hire 76 miles a/8ᵈ	£2. 10: 8	
To my Expences on the Road going & Coming	2: 6: 6	
To 4 Days time a 6/	1: 4: 0	
	£6: 1: 2	
dedu over charge and reduc'd to the Establishment of the Board which is ¼ mile out	19: 10	£5: 1: 4
Rec'd the above in full		

Boston Feby 10, 1777

In Council Febʸ 18, 1777 Read & Allowed & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £5: 1: 4 in full Discharge of his acct.

John Avery Dpy Secy.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of Joseph Sergant now In Pownalborough Goal, Humbly Sheweth —— that your Humble Petitioner almost Three score years of age and Infirm of Body and under Very Indigent Circumstances, belonging to Georgetown, was Draughted to go into the Service and not being able to pay the Fine and not having Strength of Body to

perform the Duty of a Soldier was obliged to go to goal —— therefore Humbly Pray for your Honours Compassion that your Humble Petitioner may be Set at Liberty that He may Do something Towards the Support of his now Suffering Family — and as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

Joseph Sargent.

Pownalbrough February 11, 1777

To the Hon Council of the Massachusetts State

The Petition of the owners of the Sloop Friendship laying in the Harbour of Wells in the County of York Humbly Shews That in the Month of November last at the Expiration of the last Embargo they Loaded said Sloop Burthen about Ninety Seven Tons, with Boards Shingles shooks, Hogshead & Hoops, in order to make a Voyage to Martinces or some Foreign Port. That said Sloop was ready for Sailing some Time before the present Embargo took place and would have proceeded to Sea before that Time, had it not been for a disappointment, they met with in Endeavouring to procure some Bread & other necessarys from Salem for the Voyage, by the Captain of the Vessell that went for them Viz. Capt. Aaron Wheelwright. That it is very Inconvenient for a Sloop to remain long loaded in Wells Harbour and Expensive either to unlade her, or carry her to any other Harbour, that they have been at considerable Expense having men in pay while waiting for the arrival of the Stores from Salem as afore[d] till News came of the Captain of said Vessell. That the Inhabitants of said Town are in Want of Molasses, Cotton, Wooll & Coffee, the articles they propos'd to procure and their is no other Vessell belonging to the said Town of Wells in any condition to send upon such a Voyage except one that is at or near Albany in the State of New York. Therefore the Petitioners prays your Honours to take the premises

into Consideration & grant them a permit to send the said Vessell on said Voyage

Nath[l] Wells & Comp[y].

Feby 16th 1777

In Council Feby 17th 1777

Read & Committed to the Committee on Similar Petitions

Jn[o] Avery, Dpy Secy

In Council Feb. 19th 1777

Read & Ordered that the Prayer of the above Petition be granted.

Falm[o] Feb[y] 17, 1777

Sir:

I Just rec[d] your Letter by W. Windall & the five hundred pounds from the Hon[l] board War therein mentioned, for which I have given him a Rect. on Saturday last I wrote to your hon[l] Geo: Williams Esq., concerning objections the Sailors here have made, they want to know if they can have 1 m[o] advance pay & their Wages p[d] for the Time the Ship is loading, also stores, (such as Coffee, Sugar & Rum) found them for the voyage. I shall be glad of Directions thereupon, in the mean Time shall engage all the Sailors I can immediately. I wrote to the hon[l] Board by Capt. Stone who I hope they have engaged & Who I expect here by Wednesday next, with further Directions from them for the N[o] of men that shall be wanted.

have engaged the Masts from 20 to 26 Inches, all to be deliv[d] by 10th March next.

I remain y[r] Ob[t] S[t]

W[m] Frost.

P. S. Should be glad if the hon[l] Board would Send the flour down for the Troops here as I have not a bbl. in the Store. I believe Mr Robt Jenkins can acquaint them of some Vessel.

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber Feb. 19th 1777

To the Naval Officer of the Port of Falmouth

Permit the Sloop Friendship of about Ninety-Seven tons Burthen own'd by Nath[l] Wells and Company, loaded with Boards, Shingles Shooks, Hogsheads and Hoops, to proceed on her Voyage to Martinuo, the Master of s[d] Vessel giving bond that he will import in s[d] Vessel into the State as soon as may be, Molasses, Cotton, Wool, Coffee, Salt, and Military Stores, the Dangers of the Seas and Enemy excepted.

february 20th 1777

Loving Uncle I imbrace this opportunity of Sending you a line or two and not so much as to let you no that we are wel as to let you no that Falmouth is to be taken this Spring and I am concerned for you and your family there is fore Ships with some Troops to come from Halifax early in the Spring and I belive Some from the Sothard their intent is to get posesion of Casco Bay and join it to this Government. I hope you will take care of your Self.

If you write me it must be by the way of Machias.

So no more. I remain your friend

David Rice.

To the Hon[ble] Henry Gardner Esq[r] State Treasurer.

These certify that pursuant to your Warrant We have Assessed the Inhabitants of the Town of Wells Seven Hundred & Twelve pounds & Ten pence & have Committed Lists thereof to the Several Constables of said Town Viz: To Nehemiah Littlefield Jun[r] Two Hundred Seventy Nine pounds, Eighteen Shillings, To Samuel Stewart Jun[r] Two

Hundred & Fifty pounds and To Adam Ross One Hundred & Eighty Two pounds Two Shillings & Ten pence

Wells Feby 20th 1777

Joseph Storer
Nathl Wells
Jonathan Hatch
Benjamin Littlefield
Barak Maxell
} Select Men of Wells.

Littlefield	£279:	18	
Stewart	250:	0	
Ross	182:	2:	10
	£712:	0:	10

Falm^{o} Feby 25, 1777

May it please y^{r} Honors

Since Capt Stone returned (last Fryday) all the Sailors I engaged decline going the Voyage (am therefore Sorry I engaged to load the Ship) on Acct. of the Ships not returning & I see no prospect of getting either Master or Hands, chiefly on that Acct. I have been indefatigable in trying to get both, have talked with several old Masters among whom is the Bearer but to no purpose. I could in ten Days deliver the Lumber as fast as it could be Stowed. Should be more likely to get Sailors, was the Ship here and was She to return to America — When I left This before I agreed to load the Ships, Sailors were more plenty than now for most of them are engaged in the Continental Army.

I have the honor to be y^{r} Honours Most ob^{t} hl. S^{t}

Wm Frost.

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Jonathan Davis of Pownalbrough in the County of Lincoln, and State of Massachusetts Bay, humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner has a Sloop named Dolly of about Seventy Tons burthen, now laying in the Town of Boston; your Petitioner Prays this Honorable Board to Permit him to depart with said Sloop for Kennebeck River, and there to Load said Sloop with the Produce of that Country, such as Boards Staves, Hoops, Shingles, for the West Indies, and to return with Salt, Molasses or Rum — for the true Performance of which your Petitioner is ready to give Bond.

And as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Boston March 3d 1777 Jonathan Davis

N. B the above Master is Isaac Stevens.

In Council, March 4, 1777

Read & Ordered that the prayer of the above petitioner be granted

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council chamber 4th of March, 1777.

To the Naval Officer for the Port of Boston.

Permit the Sloop Dolly, whereof Isaac Stevens is Master to proceed on her Voyage to Kennebunk there to take on Board a Load of Lumber, and proceed to the Dutch, or French West Indies, the Said Master giving Bond that he will import in sd Dolly, into this State, as soon as may be, West India Produce, or Military Stores, the Dangers of the Seas, and Enemy excepted.

By Order of Council.

Honorable Gentlemen/

The Memorial of Thomas Spry humble sheweth, on the 16th day of July 1775 I was taken Prisoner at Machias, in his Majesty's Surveying Schooner Diligent, by Capt. OBrien the Captors & Committee (finding I was not in a Hosital way) Voted I should have all my Cloths and Baggage, but being carry'd round by water to Casco Bay in a small

Shallop from thence to travel by Land to Head-Quarters (Cambridge) then to No. Hampton, could not possibly carry any more baggage, than Just suficent to keep me decent. I was obliged to leave the remainder of my things in the Hands of the Committee at Machias, who faithfully promised they would Deliver them to any Person I should order to Demand them, and that they should be taken care of till I could get them.

You must be Sensible gentlemen I suffer'd much for want of those things, as I remain'd a Prisoner seventeen Months, till I was exchanged Dec. the 5th 76, from Marblehead by Cartell, at which time I Memorial'd you, to give Directions to the Committee to Deliver my things, in case, an opportunity should offer that I could Send for them.

I am extreamly sorry to informe the Honble Council, that about Two Months past (one Farnsworth with Some assistance, and against the Committees consent) (as I am informed by a man that was present) broke open the store whare my things was lodged in, took them out, and Publickly sold them at Vandue, I am informed a few of them still remain unsold.

I hope the Honble Board will take it into consideration and give such Directions to the Committee at Machias, so, as I may be able to recover those things, Particularly my Books and Papers, which if lost, it will be almost my Ruin.

Your Compliance with this request, will be for ever, greatfully acknowlidged

I Humble beg you will grant me an order on the Committee at Machias, to deliver my Baggage to me, or my order — The Commodore of Halifax has Promised, if I can get your order, he will order Some of the Ships that Cruise in the Bay of Funday, to send a Flagg up to Machias — I hope they will have your orders to Deliver them.

T. Spry

To The Honorable Council

Council Chamber March 5, 1777

Gentlemen

Inclosed is a Copy of a Memorial from Mr. Spry complaining of the Conduct of Mr Farnsworth & others belonging to Machias — Therefore the Council direct that you make careful enquiry relative to the Facts mentioned in said Memorial and report the true State thereof to Council as soon as may be. Also Ordered that in case there is any of Mr Spry effects in the care of the Committee which have been allowed to him by the Captors that they be delivered to said Spry or his order.

In the name and by order of Council

To the Committee of Correspondence &c at Machias.

Wells March 7th 1777

To the Hon. Counsell and House of Representatives now setting at Boston your Petitioner Prays that you will grant him Liberty to send a vessell that he has loaded in Wells to any French Ports in the Westingies that your Honers shall think proper. westingies goods is very much wanting with us for we Cant get any to the Westward where we always got our supplies So your Petitioner prays your Honers to give him a permite and your Petitioner will ever Pray.

Joshua Bragdon

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 11th 1777

Whereas it appears to this Court expedient that the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, which by Law are to be holden at Falmouth within and for said County on the last Tuesday of March current should be adjourned.

Resolved — That the said Courts be & hereby are adjourned unto the Second Tuesday of May next And that all Writs Processes and Recoginances returnable thereto and all Matters and Things that might by Law have Day in Said Courts on the Said last Tuesday of March current if said Courts were not adjourned (shall be returnable to and have Day in said Courts on the said Second Tuesday of May next of which all Persons concern'd are to take notice — This Resolve to be published in one of the Boston & in the Newbury Port News Paper.

Sent up for Concurrence

Sam[l] Freeman Speak[r] P T.

In Council March 10, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jn[o] Avery Dpy Se[cy]

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A. Ward	W. T. Ever
J. Winthrop	R. Derby	Jabez Fisher
B. White	H. Gardner	John Whitcomb
S Holten	W[m] Phillips	Benj Austin
E. Thayer Jr	D. Hopkins	David Sewall

To the Hon[ble] the Council and Hon[ble] House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled.

The Petition of Benjamin Jenks of Falmouth in Casco Bay. Humbly Sheweth

That in the year 1775 one Capt Thomas Colson belonging to Bristol in Great Britain sett up and built a new Ship in Falmouth, the Iron Works for which your pet[r] did, and there now remains a ballance of Two hundred & twenty pounds Lawful money due to him

That there is Goods belonging to said Colson in the hands of the Com^{tee} of Gorham to the value of about One hundred & eighty pounds Lawful money, which Goods said Committee refuse to give him admittance to, so that he may attach them for his debt aforesaid.

He therefore humbly prays this Honble Court would be pleased to order the Said Committee to let your petitioner have access to the said Goods, so that they may be attached for his debt aforesaid

And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Boston March 11th 1778 Benj^{a} Jenks.

Falm^{o} March 14 1777

May it please y^{r} Honors,

I have rec'd the Ships Content of Capt Langdon & given a Rec^{t} — have not been able to get either Master or Hands Yet. tho' Capt. Starch (by whom I sent my last Letter) says he will take Command, if his Wages are paid during the Time of the Voyage, taken or not taken & upon no other Conditions — he now has the Care of the Ship & further says the mizzen Sail is useless it is so old & Several other Sails want repair for which is wanting 6 or 8 sewing Twine, 40 or 50 y^{ds} Ravens Duck or Ticklenburg — about ½ a Piece Stout Canvass for Tarpolins for Hatchways, Coats for the Masts & to carry for Spare Canvas as there is none at present but One Spare Topsail. The Person who graved her, has left 6 or 8 Streaks from the kiel on either side, ungraved. The Barnacles are now on her Bottom. I shall therefore want 5 or 6 bb^{ls} Tar (or less Tar & some Pitch) I shall endeavor to load the Ship with all Expedition, for which is wanting Bread & Rum — I can supply the People with Potatoes. Both her Quarter Rails are made of worm eaten Spars, which may be a Detriment in the Sale of the

Ship — Shall begin to load next Week. I have the honour to be Your Honours Most Ob^{t} h. S^{t}

William Frost.

The hon^{l} Board War.

War Office Boston, March 20, 1777

Mr. William Frost

Sir

This will be delivered to you by Capt William Haynes, who is appointed by the Board to the Command of the Ship Union now with you:— Such Articles as the Board think are farther necessary for fitting said Ship for the Sea will be sent you by the first opportunity in the meantime you will exert yourself to provide the Cargo & assist Capt. Haynes in procuring his men as it is of the greatest importance that the Ship should be dispatched without loss of time

By Order of the Board

Saml Phips Savage, Pres^{t}

Petition of Benj. Wheeler & others of a Settlement called Wheelersborough.

To the Hon'ble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of Benjamin Wheeler Ephraim Grant and Thomas Campbell Committee of a Settlement Called Wheelersborough on Penobscot River in behalf of said Settlers —

Humbly Sheweth —

That the Petitioners being persuaded that many false Representations respecting this Settlement and the Inhabitants thereof have been made to your Honors which probably may be attended with Evil Consequences if not timely Reminded: your Petitioners therefore begs leave to Lay before your Honors certain facts & Submit them to your Wisdom —

1st That your Petitioners in Carrying this New Settlement have gone through great hardships and the late obstruc-

tions of their Business: occasioned by the Public Calamity has driven them to great Difficulties —

2nd That your Honors have been Inclined to give them some Relief by some Articles sent down but it unluckily was put into such peoples hands belonging to the upper District who made use of a Considerable part of them for their own Emolument —

3rd That the Company of Soldiers that are Established upon this River no way answers your honors designs, which undoubtedly was for the good of the People here as well as of the State in General but those affairs had been Conducted as to be no service to the State and greatly Injurious to the Settlers; this Company is attended with considerable Expense to the public and Answers no one purpose for the Protection of the River: for the people cannot have any Dependence upon protection from this Company and Rely wholly upon their own Strength to defend in case of an Invasion, and as this Company is wholly inlisted among the Settlers here, they lessen the Labors and at the same time are not to be depended upon for defence.

4th That the Regiment under Colonel Josiah Brewer may amount to 150 men including Officers — The Indians on penobscot River may come up to the Number of 45 able bodied men which facts we think it proper your honors should be acquainted with —

5th That the Truck trade as it is Carried on is no Emolument to the State Injureous to the Settlers upon the River which we are Ready to make appear —

These and many other particulars, your Petitioners would Say before your Honors if they had Opportunity which rightly understood may be of Public Utility —

Penobscot March 30th 1777 —

James Philbrock	John Colwell	David Bowell
John Toms	Jonathan Pierce	Jacob Dennet

John Cular	Joshua Cular	Joseph Avy
Benjamin Wheeler	Ephraim Grant	Thomas Campbell
Robert Treatt	Keneth Mc Kinzie	Cornelas Cooke
John Smart	James Me Curdey	Ephraim Downes
Abram Preble	James Dunning	John Emery
Eliphalet Nichorson	Abner Crosby	Moses Crague
James Grant jun	Ephraim Grant jun	Robert Man
Michael McMahon	Thomas Harding	Edward Smith
Simeon Smith	Samuel Killam	Elisha Grant
Peter Sangster	Freeman Knowles	Benjamin Higgins
Silas Heathern	Gustavus Swan	Nathaniel Mayhew
Joseph Pomroy	Nicholas Crosby	Andrew Webster
John Mansell	Moses Wentworth	Andrew Patterson
John Sally	Andrew Grant	Joshua Walker
Simon Crosby	Stephen Littlefield	Henry Kinney
Jacob Busell	John Crosby	Jonathan Pendleton
Caleb Goodwin	John Mansell jun	John Sweetser
Hat^{r} Colson	Zethem French	Simeon Johnston
Reuben Goodwin	Joshua Ares	Simeon Gorton

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sepr 17th 1777 On the Petition of Benj^{e} Wheeler Eph^{r} Grant & Thos Campbell a Committee of a Settlement called Wheelersborough —

Resolved that the above named Petitioners or either of them serve Colonel Josiah Brewer Jon. Lowder & Andrew Gilman or either of them with a Copy of said Petition and Depositions accompanying said Petition and this order thirty days before the second Wednesday of the next Siting of this Court & that the said Josiah Brewer Jonathan Lowder and Andrew Gilman be and they hereby are directed to attend this Court on the aforesaid second Wednesday of the next Siting thereof, to make answer to the Petition aforesaid —

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^{r}

In Council September 18th 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to by the Major part of the Council

A true Copy Attest

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In Council Dec 12 1777 Read & Reviv'd Ordered that David Sewall Esqr with such as the Hon'ble House shall appoint be a Committee to consider the above and to hear the Parties who are now attending & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence Samuel Adams Secry

In the House of Representatives Dec. 13 1777

Read & concurred & Mr Sewall & Mr. Parker are joined

J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 9, 1778 Read & revived & Ordered that Nathan Cushing Esq with such as the Hon'l House shall appoint be a Committee to consider the Petition of Benjamin Wheeler to hear the Parties & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Jan 9 1778 Read & Concurred & Mr Crane & Mr Brown of Framingham are joined

John Pitts Speakr p Timo

Feby 13th 1777 Att a Precinct meeting in the East Parish of Pownalborough being Legally warned the following Votes was Passed —

Viz To Chouse a Committee to Apply to the General Court for leive to Chouse a Collector in the room of Rogers Smith who Refuses to Serve —

Voted That Thos Rice Esqr Michal Sevey & John Huse be the Committee —

a true coppy from the Record Atts^{t}

Jon^{a} Williamson Precinct clerk

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To The Honble Assembly of the s^{d} State

now sitting at Boston —— Humbly shews the Petition of the Committee of safety & inspection for the Town of Kittery.—

That in pursuance of the duty enjoined us as a Com^{tee}, and at the earnest request of this & some of the neighbouring Towns for application to y^{r} Hon^{rs} for Assistance to enable us to oppose the landing of our Enemies in this part of the State (which from our exposed Situation & the late advice sent by his Excellency General Washington recommending it to all the Sea posts to be well prepared) it is highly probable we shall be attacked this Summer, and the necessity of our request will appear the more just & reasonable by pointing out some particulars which possibly may be worthy of notice.

as 1st This Harbour is undoubtedly inferior to none on the Continent & this Town directly opposite the entrance in which ships of whatever size may anchor within one quarter of a mile from the Shore.

2^{ndly} If the Enemy should make a lodgment here there are many advantageous posts for them, which being the case, This Town, with Berwick, Lebanon & other Towns must be greatly distressed if not ruined we being as it were a Barrier to them.

3dly If our communication with the Sea is cut off & not able to procure fish, upon which we greatly depend for sup-

port, we shall undoubtedly be a great burthen to the Community and would be very disagreeable to us.

4thly As we have more than our proportion of men engaged in the present war it is highly needful that we be well fortified as our trade by sea is at an end, and no ships built here (tho perhaps the most convenient Harbour on the Continent upon every account except our defenceless State) Our Carpenters are obliged to go into the army & navy for a living thereby reducing us to a still weaker State, and as our exertions as to men is so great it would be very hard indeed for us left behind to fall a prey to those whose tender mercies are cruelty.

5thly The advantage of this River to the Community are more than at first view may be imagined as the chief part of the masts for our navy have been procured here at a cheap rate, considerable stocks of cattle of all kinds here & lumber of every kind, and provided we are not blocked up will always afford a Supply.—

This being our situation (without mentioning many other circumstances of consequence) We humbly hope we shall meet your Honrs approbation in applying for one Company of Artillery-Men, three or four pieces of Cannon not less than twelve pounders with a sufficiency of Ball for one good Brush — The Cannon we should not have asked for but it has been our great misfortune to find that four we were at ye Cost of weighing out of the water & transporting from the Isle Shoals to be unfit for use, being grown too thin and honey comb'd — This favour granted will give us fresh life & vigour & raise our drooping Spirits, as it is the only hope left for the protection of ourselves & family's from the Ravages of unreasonable men.

And as in duty bound will pray yr Honrs dutiful Petitioners

By order of the Comtee
John H Bartlett } Chairman

Kittery March 1777

In the House of Representatives March 31, 1777

Read & Committed to ye Comm^tee^ on the State of the Sea Coast

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council March 31, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

1777 State of the Massachusetts Bay to Daniel Sullivan D^r^

To Billeting 66 Men in my Company at three different times in their March to Machias 322 days —

Errors Excepted

Danl Sullivan Capt

To the Honourable Council and Honourable House of Representatives of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England; The Humble Petition of Thomas Berry, Calvin Cowin, Thomas Ferrin James Fitsgerrell, John Henderson and Benjamin Thompson and John Coombs, Humbly Showing to your Honours that your Petitioners Inlisted under one Capt James Curtis of Brunswick on the fifteenth Day of may Last; for the good of the Contrys Cause to Guard the Sea Coasts: and after your Petitioners had bin Inlisted Two months under the aforesaid Capt Curtis he Left his Station and went to the Head Quarters at Cambridge to get further Orders and Insisted upon your Petitioners going with him, which was Contrary to our Inlistment: for he might have stayed at Brunswick: However after the Departure of Capt Curtis your Petitioners to fulfill their Inlistments for the Contrys Cause, Inlisted under Capt Nathaniel Larrabee of Brunswick: and have Continued in the Service ever since the said 15th Day of May and have always been Ready and willing to do our Duty by Night or Day for the Contrys

Cause. Now your Petitioners will Inform your Honours the State of the Case, which is as followeth: the said Capt. after his return from the Head Quarters was ordered to go Down East under the Direction of Cornel Cagill; and wholly Refuseth to allow your Petitioners any Wages or biliting for the two months Servitude that we Served under him: Now your Petitioners Humbly Prayeth that your Honours will Take the affair under your wise Consideration and Releave your Petitioners by allowing us the Pay for two months wages and biliting under Capt James Curtis, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray, etc —

Brunswick November 27, 1775

Thomas Berry	John Henderson	Benjamin Thompson
Thomas Ferrin	Calvin Cowen	James Fitsgerrell
John Coombs		

Brunswick December 11, 1775

We the Subscribers Committee of Brunswick & Harpswell Would Inform whom it may concern, that the within named Thomas Berry, John Henderson, Benjamin Thompson, Thomas Ferrin, Calvin Cowen and James Fitchgerrell and John Coombs did Inlist under Captain James Curtis for the Defence of the Country and did Duty of Soldiers under him till he went to Cambridge, then they Inlisted under Capt. Nathaniel Larrabee to guard the Sea Coasts at our Desire. We therefore think they are Deserving of their Wages for the time they were under Captain Curtis as any of his other men though we understand he is determined not to make them up in his Roll.

Nathaniel Larrabee	Thos Thompson	Isaac Snow
Nath[l] Purington	John Snow	Thos. Cotton

Consented to

Jer: Powell	W. Spooner	Caleb Cushing
J. Winthrop	R. Derby	John Whitcomb
Moses Gill	Benj. Austin	S. Holten

B. White	Wm Phillips	F. Gardner
E. Thayer J^{r}	Jos. Cushing	D. Hopkins

Apl. 3, 1777.

To the Honourable Council and House of Representatives of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England in General Court Assembled

The Petition of the Towns of Cape Elizabeth, Windham, Gorham and Pearsontown in the County of Cumberland

Humbly Shew

That the said Towns lay bordering on Presumscutt River, so called, and for many years after the Settlement of this Eastern Country were plentifully supply'd with Salmon, Alewives, Shad & other Sorts of Fish that frequented the s^{d} River in great abundance it being peculiarly commodious for the Spawn & increase of Fish by reason of a large pond called Sebago or Sebacook which extends upwards of thirty miles from the mouth of the s^{d} River as far as Pondicherry as also the many branches of s^{d} River that used to bring a plenty of the aforesaid Fish near to many of our doors, your Petitioners further shew that by reason of several Mill Dams being built quite across the s^{d} River, without leaving a sluice way for Fish to pass up, as by Law is directed, and since the s^{d} Mill Dams have been erected on the said River the passage of all kinds of Fish as afores^{d} has been totally obstructed & stopt in their course up said River to the great prejudice of many back Towns which depended (in their Inland state) on the said River for a part of their support, as Also to the prejudice of all the Inhabitants of the Sea Coast near the mouth of s^{d} River by causing a scarcity of Codfish, Haddock, and many kinds of Fish that frequent the mouths of such extensive Rivers after a Quantity of small

Bait that abound in such places. And our fishing on the Banks as well as on our Coast off Shore being in a great measure impracticable by reason of the Enemy's cruisers that infest our Coast, reduces us to the necessity of Adopting some method whereby the Fish may come to us. And the Laws of this Colony have been found ineffectual hitherto for the removal of your Petitioners cause of Complaint, Wherefore your Petitioners pray Your Honours to take the matter of our Complaint into your consideration and Grant to your petitioners such relief as in Your great Wisdom & Clemency You may Judge meet & Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.—

Gorham August 22d 1776

George Strout Harry Dyer	Committee of Cape Elizabeth
William Elder Zerubebell Hunewell Thomas Trott	Windham Committee
William Gorham Prince Davis Caleb Chase	Committee of Gorham
Daniel Cram Jno Deane Ephraim Rowe	Committee of Pearsontown

The Committee apointed to Take into Consideration the Petition of Calvin Cowen and others mentioned in said Petition beg leave to Report facts as apeared by Inquiry to us Viz: we find that Calvin Cowen, Thomas Ferrin, James Fithsgerrell John Henderson, Benª Thompson, John Coombs, Thomas Berry was Inlisted in to the Sarvis under Capt. Curtis to Defend the Sea Coast on the 15th Day of May last

and faithfully Performed the Sarvis under him Til the 18th Day of July at which Time Capt Curtis marched to head quarters at Cambridge to joine the Contanentel Army and took into his Company Seven other men, Namely:— Jonathan Thomson Alexander Gray Uriah Gray, Thomas foote, Saml Patten, John Dunlap, Simon Walker, and made them up in his Roll for Payment and left out those Seven which were first inlisted under him and was by order of Court ordered to Strike them out of his Roll and it further apeared that the Petitioners Inlisted under Capt Leatherby and Sarved under him The tearme they first listed for, and was not made up in any Roll for Pay the first two months the Committee beg leave to Report by way of Resolve — Viz:

In the House of Representatives March 24, 1777

Resolved that there be paid out of the publick Treasury of this State the sum of Sixteen pounds five Shillings to Sergt Thomas Berry or Order for himself & six others mentioned in the within Petition in full for their Wages while on Duty under Capt James Curtis; further Resolv'd that Capt Js. Curtis be directed to pay to the within named Persons their Billeting which he has received taking their Receipts for the same.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council April 4, 1777

Read & Concurred J Warren Spkr

Jno Avery Dpy Secy

State of the Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 4, 1777.

Resolved that John Lewis Esqr Joshua Fabyan Esq., Saml Thompson Esq. be a Committee to view the mill dams upon Presumscott River in the Town of Falmouth & County of

Cumberland, which have been represented to this Court totally to obstruct the Salmon, Alewives, Shad &c in their passage to Sebago pond to lay their Spawn & that said Committee be directed to Confer with the owners of said dams & view & Examine where proper sluice ways may be made for the passage of said fish & report a State of facts to the next General Court on the Second Tuesday of their first Session.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council April 4, 1777 J. Warren — Sp^{kr}

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

Consented to

Jer. Powell	W. Spooner	Caleb Cushing
J. Winthrop	R. Derby	John Whitcomb
H. Gardner	Wm Phillips	Moses Gill
B. White	E. Thayer J^{r}	D. Hopkins
Benj. Austin	Jabez Fisher	Danl Davis

Falm^{o} April 5th 1777

may it please y^{r} Honours

I just saw an Order of the Gen'l Court for continuing the two Comp^{ys} here, for One Month from the first Cur^{t} and your Honours probably expect I must Supply them with Flour, Pork, Beef, Wood, Candles & Sauce Money — I have now on hand about 20 ℔ Flour & 4¾ lbs. Pork — and there is due to me besides as Comis^{y} near £200 Lmy (Lawful money) for those Articles Supply'd S^{d} Comp^{ys} Since Decr last. Shall therefore want more Provissions etc to last 'till this month is Expired — I remain your Honours most ob^{t} S^{t}

Wm Frost.

P. S. I have deliv'd the Ship Union agreeable to y^{r} Honours desire to Capt. Haynes. Shall endeavour to get her

Loaded as soon as possible — have also rec^{d} the Articles sent by Capt. Jo: Greenleaf.

The hon^{l} Board War.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives April 5, 1777.

Whereas it is Represented to this Court, that the Petitioner Joseph Sargent of Georgetown, now a Prisoner in Pownalborough Goal, near Sixty years of age and low Circumstances in life, also said Prisoner has two Sons Inlisted into the Continental army for the term of three years, and one of those sons a minor — It is therefore Resolved that the Militia Officers, Selectmen, and Committee of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety in Georgetown, be and hereby are directed and ordered immediately to liberate the above mentioned Petitioner from his Confinement any act or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Apl 7, 1777

Read & Concurred Saml Freeman Speak^{r}

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy.

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Caleb Cushing	John Whitcomb	Moses Gill
S. Holten	Benj. Austin	Wm Phillips
I. Winthrop	R. Derby	B White
E. Thayer J^{r}	D. Hopkins	H. Gardner.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

The petition of the Committees of safety of the several towns in the County of Cumberland Humbly shew that there has been a vast deal of Work done in making Forts and Batteryes in the Town of Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth in the County aforesaid for the defence of the same and four hundred and fifty Men will in our opinion be Absolutely necessary to be station'd in Falmouth and one hundred and fifty at Cape Elizabeth to keep the Forts and Batterys aforesaid until they are reinforced by the Militia of the several Towns in the County and as there will be a necessity of Calling in the Militia untill the aforesaid number of men are Stationed we hope your honours will provide a sufficient Magazine to supply them when they are on Duty which will not only answer at present but will likewise be necessary in Case of an Alarm as the several towns in this County are scarcely able to provide for there own Families, your petitioners beg leave to mention that the situation of the people of this County was such formerly that each Family was obliged to keep a Gun for there Defence and that when the people of this State were called out to Defend there Liberties almost every person from this County that went into the Army carried with him a gun many of which were stop'd and kept for the use of the Continent and they have since been unable to replace them, and as we are informed there is a number of Small Arms in Boston for the Use of this State we think it would Contribute much to the Safety of said State if your Honors would order at least four hundred and fifty Fire Arms for the Use of this County to be stored at Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth that the people of said County may be able to Equip themselves therewith and also four Eighteen pounders for Cape Elizabeth with a sufficient quantity of Amunition. We hope your honours will readily Grant us the aforesaid Articles as they are more immediately for the protection of those Towns who have manifested their

Zeal in the American Cause by furnishing many more Men than their Quota in the Continental Army and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray etc.

By order of the Committee

John Waite Chairman

Falmouth 8th April 1777.

Falmouth 9 Aprill 1777.

Gentelmen this is to acquaint you I got Doun hear Last Wensday. the Weather has Been So Blowing ever since We have been able to do But little towards loding. I have got the Ship up the River at the Place for loding, have got in a quantity of Oak planks & Staves & Expect to begin to take in masts tomorrow. Shall do all in my power to make dispatch Mr Frost says he will assist me all that lays in his power. I think the Ship is Verry Badly found for riging as well as for many other necessarys. I shall send you a memorandom of some things which I should be glad you would send down as they cant be got hear. I have shipt a mate & two men Which is all I have got I engag'd Several More in Cape Ann but after I came away they got more wages to go sum other way; the Sailors Expect to be found in Small stores. Your humbl Servant

Willm Haynes

Elisha Maynard, Elisha Maynards heirs, John Whitcomb, Ephraim Robbins, Robert Barnard, Joseph Haild, William Keyes, John Forbush, John Gardner, Robert Barnard, Joel, & Solomon Barnard his heirs, John Sampson, Jonathan & David Sampson his heirs, Philip Brookens, John Gardner, Hilkiah Boynton, The heirs of said Boynton, John Hapgood,

The heirs of s^{d} Hapgood, Joseph Whitney, Same Blood Benj^{a} Wood Esqr, The heirs of s^{d} Wood, John Maynard, Stephen Maynard, William Holloway, The heirs of John Oaks, John Whitcomb, Public Lots, Public Lots, Benj Woods Esqr, The heirs of Said Woods, Thomas Gates, Charles White, Josiah Stone, The heirs of said Stone, William Keyes, Amos Brown, Charles Brown, Isaac —— Burr, Burr heirs, Saml Hale, Joseph Beaman, Ben^{a} Rolfe Esqr, The heirs of said Rolfe, John Hapgood, The heirs of said Hapgood, Benj^{a} Woods Esqr, The heirs of said Woods, John Whitman Esq., Chas. Whitman, Benj^{a} Whitcomb, Timothy Walker, Jonathan Eager, Noah Church, Amos Brown, Charles Brown, Joseph Stone, The heirs of Benj^{a} Rolfe, Esqr, Jeremiah Holman, Jeremiah Priest, Joseph Brown, Benj^{a} Brown, Benj^{a} Woods Esqr, The heirs of said Woods, Joseph Stone, The heirs of said Stone, Peter How, Abner Cranson by Hows order, Benj^{a} Woods Esq., The heirs of s^{d} Woods, Jonathan Bush, The heirs of s^{d} Brush, Benj^{a} Hale, Noah Church, Jonathan Houghton, The heirs of s^{d} Houghton, William Keyes, David Smith, John Hapgood heirs, Wm Whitney, John Sawyer, Jonas Warrin a sufferer in Rockingham No 2 W. of Con^{t} River, Richard Whitney, Daniel Whitney & Richard Whitney Junr by verbal order, Benj^{a} Woods Esqr, The heirs of s^{d} Woods, Nathl Smith, Jonathan Green a Sufferer in Rockingham No. 2. W. of Con^{t} River, Benj^{a} Rolfe Esqr, The heirs of said Rolfe, Nathl Hapgood, Daniel Hapgood, Abraham Gibson, Hilkiah Boynton, The heirs of s^{d} Boynton, Public Lott, Charles Brigham, Noah Church, Jabez Richardson, The heirs of said Richardson, Seth Rice.

Boston April 15th 1777

The foregoing is a list of letters admitted by a Committee of the General Court, appointed for that purpose. In a New Township granted on the East side of Saco River, to those that were Sufferers by the Runing of the line between this

State and that of New Hampshire. In the Township No. Six in the line of Towns on Contoocook River.

And I hereby Certify that the foregoing list appears to me to be In my hand writing and I apprehend it to be a true Copy from the Original

Attest

Artemas Ward Chairman of the Com^tee

Know all Men by these presents That we Alpheus Delano of Waldoborough yeoman, and Benjamin Burton of St. Georges Gentleman, both of the County of Lincoln and State of the Massachusetts Bay, are held stand firmly bound and obliged unto Henry Gardner Esq: Treasurer and Receiver General of the State aforesaid and his Successors' in said office in the full and just Sum of Twenty pounds Lawful money to be paid unto the said Henry Gardner Treasurer as aforesaid or his Successors in said office: to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators Joyntly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals dated the Sixteenth day of April In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-Seven.

The Condition of this obligation is such That Whereas the said Alpheus Delano hath declared that he being in Lieutenant Nutts Company did furnish himself with a Gun and all other Accoutrements, but omitted to get a Certificate from the Selectmen & I. of Waldoborough, but hath agreed to procure a Certificate or return the money he received for his Wages being Eleven pounds, Sixteen shillings & a penny, in two months from this date.

If Therefore the said Alpheus Delano his heirs, Executors or Admin'ors or either of them shall and do produce a Certificate from said Selectmen of his furnishing himself with a

Gun & etc. within two months of the date hereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Signed Sealed & Deliv^{d} in the presence of
Dan'l Scott
Henry Allinejurd

Alpheus Delano

Benj^{a} Burton.

Apl 16th 1777.

To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay. The petition of Joseph Jewitt of the Town of Scarborough in the County of Cumberland Humbly Sheweth — that whereas the Town of Scarborough are in Great want of West India Goods such as Salt, Molasses, Cotton etc. & have a large Quantity of Lumber Lying upon their Hands, which they want to turne into such commodities for their Family, Also, whereas the said Town of Scarborough have found their full Coto of men for the Continentall Army therefore your humble petitioner prays that you would give him Liberty to send a Vessell to the West Indies for the purposes above said

And as in Duty bound shall ever pray etc.

Joseph Jewitt

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 19, 1777

Resolved that Joseph Jewett, Scarboro', be & he is hereby permitted to send a Vessel Loaded with Lumber to the West Indies for the purpose of procuring salt and other West Indies Goods he causing his s^{d} Vessel to be clear'd out at the Naval Offices at Falmouth agreable to the Laws of this State, the present Embargo notwithstanding provided that the said Jewett gives Bonds to the Said Naval Officer in the

Sum of One Thousand Pounds to the use of this State that there shall not be taken on board the said Vessel any man or men that belongs to any town that have not procured their Coto in the Continantal Army.

Sent up for Concurrence

Sam'l Freeman Speak^{r} P. T.

In Council April 21. 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Apl. 21. 1777

Resolved that Capt Joseph Noyes be and he hereby is appointed a Commissary to supply the Men to be raised & Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland and the Commissary General is hereby directed to deliver to him or his Order one hundred & Eight barrels Pork one hundred & Eight barrels of Flour, twenty barrels of Rice for that use. And in Case of an Alarm the said Noyes is directed to Supply such of the Militia as shall be called in by the commanding officer out of the said Stores and if he shall stand in need of a further supply he is hereby directed to apply immediately to this Court or in the Recess thereof to the Council therefor and the Commissary General is also directed to deliver the said Noyes two Hundred Fire arms. Ten barrels of Powder & one Thousand weight of Leaden Balls to be deposited in some safe place for the use of the Militia on an alarm as aforesaid said Noyes to be accountable to this Court for the disposal of the same

Sent up for Concurrence

Sam^{ll} Freeman - Speak P.T

In Council Apl 21 - 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery

Consented to

Jer: Powell S. Holten Benj. Austin John Whitcomb

A. Ward	Jabez Fisher	E. Thayer Jr	D. Sewall
Caleb Cushing	B. White	John Taylor	Moses Gill
T. Cushing	Wm Phillips	D. Hopkins	

York April 27. 1777

Gentmen

I have heard that the Congres have sent to our State for some Ships to be Purchased for the Continent and mention was made of my Ship and answer was made that she was sold which was not so. Should be glad to Serve the State with as good a Ship as can be built. Enquire of Mr. Clark the Ship builder in Boston who has seen her. She can be Lanched in one month.

From your Humb. Servt

John Stone

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 28, 1777

Resolved That the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland be and they hereby are impowered to appoint some suitable Person for a first Lieutenent for the Company of matrosses to be stationed at Falmouth under the Command of Capt Abner Lowell — and also two Suitable Persons for second Lieutenants of said company — Also Resolved That the Committee of Correspondence &c. of the Town of Cape Elizabeth in said County, be and hereby are impowered to appoint some suitable Person for a first Lieutenant of the Company to be stationed there under the Command of Capt John Wentworth.

Also Resolved That the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Kittery in the County of York be & hereby are impower'd to appoint some suitable person for a second Lieutenant of the Company to be stationed at Kit-

tery. Said Committee giving the Preference to such as have had or now hold Military commissions.

And the Council are desired to furnish the said Committee with Blank Commissions for this purpose

Sent up for Concurrence

Saml Freeman Spk^{r} P. T

In Council Apl 28, 1777. Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Scy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	Caleb Cushing
T. Cushing	John Whitcomb	S. Holten
Moses Gill	I. Bowdoin	B. White
E. Thayer Jr	Wm Phillips	Benj Austin
John Taylor	I M Dana	Jabez Fisher

State of Massachusetts Council Chamber Apl 28. 1777

Ordered — That the Comissary General be and he hereby is Directed to send to Penobscot and to deliver Col. Josiah Brewer a supply of Provissions necessary for the Subsistance of Thirty Men & two Officers stationed at Penobscot River three months.

A true Copy

Attest Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

To the Honourable the Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay the Petition of the Subscribers being inhabitants of the West Preceint in Pownalborough and adjacent

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners are members of the Episcopal Church that Great part of them are French and Dutch Germans protestants who came into America in the years 1750 & 1751 &c.

upon the encouragement Given by the Massachusetts Government, that they should enjoy their religious priviledges. They begg further to represent that for twenty years last passed they have injoyed those priviledges, Excepting one the year passed. That they have Constantly maintained a minister of the Episcopal church, with the assistance of the Society, and have Constantly attended Publick Worship, according to the rights of the church of England. That they have built themselves a church & have a church Gleab in the West Precient of pownalborough. They further Represent That in the year 1773 the Town of Pownalborough was divided into two precincts by the names of the East & West Precinct in the same year 1773 the West Precinct Called a precinct meeting at which meeting the Votes of some of your Petitioners and all who were at said meeting, above 20 in number, were Refused to be accepted for this reason because they were Episcopalians, Your petitioners immediately withdrew and Never attended their meetings afterwards: on the 28th of March 1776, the Congregationists in the West Precinct (being not more than Eight or Nine in Number that met) and Voted to raise the sum of £30 to hier Preaching in the year 1776, which they never did Except a Transient Parson Now & then a day: that the assessors assessed your Petitioners by Virtue of an Act of the 16th of George the Second: — They further represent That the Collectors Vizt Samuel Emerson & John Eldridge have Taken every advantage (and of Some of those persons who were Germans, and Did not understand the Law in the English Language) to Distress them as well as others by Giving them Notice to pay the Ministers Tax and then distraining. They further declare that by their being thus assessed by the minority of the Parish are drove to Great Straits and must soon be ruined as the minority under Couler of Law, Seem determined to Drive them to the Last Extremities — will further

begg leave to represent that when the Act of 16th of George the Second was made it was not supposed that such a Case could happen where 7 : 8 or 9 Congregationlists Should Vote away not only their owne money but also the money of about thirty Episcopalians — and that too without & against their consent — We further declare that tho' the money Taken from us is by Law to be paid to our Pastor whome we support & who will we make no doubt return it to us again, yet it subjects us to be Distrained upon, which is Now our case and also make us pay for the Taking our own money out of our Pockets against our Consent to be put in again after the collectors & Treasurer have improved it for a long time before it Can be Gott from them which must be and is a great trouble & Cost to us as we may be obliged to go through a law sute to get it again: we further think that the Law Aforementioned was Designed to prevent persons from pretending to be of a Religion, they were not of mearly to Get read of paying taxes. We further declare that it is the unalable right of mankind to Worship the Supreme being according to the dictates of a Well informed Conscience, that no man can dispose of his religion and much less can any Person take it from him — That every Speces of taxing that Takes away a man's Interest, and at the same time Debars him from assenting or desenting because of his Religious principles is Persecution and tends to force him to give up what the God of Nature never gave him a right to dispose of — the right of private judgment, in matters of religion — At a time when the continant is contending for Civil and Religious Liberty. We are sorry to have the Occasion of petitioning the Honorable Court upon so Disagreeable a Subject as persecuting persons who come from Germany, upon the faith of the Government of the Massachusetts Bay, that they should Injoy their religious principles. But the matters of such Consequence to us that our all is Depending as the

Collectors Distrain and Sell our Goods at halfe price & make us pay the Cost. We therefore humbly Pray that the Honourable Court would take the Matter into Consideration and pass an Act that all Episcopalians who pay a minister may be freed from being assessed or Taxed in any Parish for ministerial rates and that the collectors be ordered to return all the money so distrained & Received from us the respective persons from whom he Took them with the charges and Damages or otherwise give us such Relief as the Court in their Wisdom Shall think proper and as in Duty bound we Shall Ever Pray

Pownalborough West Precinct

NB The Congregationals in the West Precinct of pownalborough Never hath been imbodied into a church etc to this day

Samuel Goodwin	Edmund Doherty	Michel Stilphen
Martin his X marke Healey	John Cotton Gookin	Lones houdlette
David Bailey	Samuel Goodwin Jr	John Johnson
John Parkes	Peter Pochard	William Bourke
George Mayer	Philip Mayer	George Goud
Daniel Malbone	John his X marke Pochard	Charles E Houdlette
George Stilphen	Cornelius Stilphen	Jean George Goud
Rebecca Callihan	Christopher Jakins	Robert Tycross
Josanna J. pro goss	Luda Cassimir Main	

In Council April 28, 1777

Read & Ordered That David Sewall Esqr be a Committee with such as the Honble House shall appoint to consider the within Petition & report what is best to be done thereon.

Sent Down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Representatives Apl. 28, 1777

Read & Concurred and Mr Mayhew and Mr. Cooper are joined Saml Freeman Spk^{r} P. T.

Ordered that the Petitioners Notify the Inhabitants of the West Precinct in Pownal^{bo} having a Copy of this Petition & Order hereon with the Precinct clerke of said West Parish 30 days at least before the second Tuesday in July next, that they may shew cause (if any they have) Before the General Court of this State, if then setting, and in case the said Court shall not be then setting, on the second Tuesday of their meeting after that Time Wherefore the Prayer of the said Petitioners should not be granted.

In Council April 29th 1777 Read & Accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy.

In the House of Representatives April 29, 1777
Read and Concurred

Consented to

names	S. Holten	Wm Phillips
torn	Moses Gill	John Taylor
B. White	Jabez Fisher	Benj Austin
D. Sewall	E. Thayer J^{r}	F. M. Dana

The Committee of both Houses to whom was Committed the Petitions of Several Inhabitants of the West precinct in Pownalboro have attended that Service and report as entered on s^{d} Petitions

D. Sewall p^{r} order

and that in the mean Time they do not make any further assessment for Precinct Rates upon the Petitioners.

The Committee of both Houses to whom was referred the Petition of several militia officers in the first Regiment in the County of York, have attended that Service and find the Facts therein related to be true and report the following Res-

solution, as Remedy for the grievance complained of, which is Submitted D. Sewall p. order

Resolved that the field officers of the first Regiment in the County of York, or the major part of them, Be and hereby are ordered and impowred to new rank the several Companies in that Regiment agreeable to Military rule & order, any former arrangement by them made notwithstanding and to the end no doubt may arise in the minds of the Field officers, what military rule and order is, That the rank of each Company shall be reconed and determined from the age or antiquity of such Company respectively, that is the most ancient the first, the next most ancient the second and so on thro' the remainder And in all cases where a company is formed part of two or more ancient Companys such Company is to be esteemed a New Company & not to bear the rank of any of the Companys from which it is taken. And when an ancient Company is divided into two or more, unless it can otherways be satisfactorily determined, That part which shall retain the rank of the Original Company shall be determined by Lott

That the Brigadier of Said County be and hereby is ordered and directed to Alter the Several Military Commissions, so far as respects the rank agreeable to the new arrangement that may be made by the said Field officers in Consequence of this Resolution And all such Militia-officers in said Regiment as shall neglect or Refuse to bring their Commissions — after — reasonable Notice to the Brigadier to be altered or to rank as aforesaid, shall be considered as displaced of which the Brigadier shall give Notice to the field officers of Said Regiment to the end the Company to which they belong may be called upon to choose others in their Room agreeable to the Militia Law And the Brigadier of said County is also directed to make returne of the officers and the Rank of the Companys in said Regiment as soon as

the Said new arrangement and Ranking shall be accomplished to the Secretary's office of this State.

In Council Apl 28, 1777
Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence
Jn° Avery Dpy. Sec'y

In the House of Representatives April 29, 1777.
Read & Concurred
Consented to — J. Warren Sp^kr

J. Bowdoin	Jer: Powell	A. Ward
Caleb Cushing	T. Cushing	John Taylor
S. Holten	Wm Phillips	Benj. Austin
E. Thayer J^r	Moses Gill	B. White
J Fisher	D. Sewall	F. M. Dana

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, humbly Shew

The Subscribers, Militia Officers in three of the Companies in the Town of York in the Regiment of Foote whereof Ebenezer Sayer Esqr is Colonel: —

That the Field Officers for said Regiment in pursuance of the Militia Law divided the Town of York into Six Companies which till lately consisted of but four — that in this division, part of what was formerly the first company and part of Second Company, were joined together and made one new Company, which Company so joined were by the Field Officers ranked and stiled the first Company, and what remained of the first Company and Second Company were still left in two separate Companies, and are now Stiled the third and sixth Companies in the Regiments: whereas according to all Military rule and order your Petitioners apprehend their respective Companies ought to have been ranked the first and third in the Regiments, and that Company aforesaid made up from the first and second, as it was

younger in its formation ought to have been stiled and ranked in the Regiment, below all Companies that were prior to it in formation in the Regiment: — that this arbitary determination of the Field Officers, as your Petitioners conceive it to be, has likewise justled another of the Companies in said Town out of their proper rank: whereby the men in three of the Companies in said Town are so uneasy respecting the matter that the Regiment is not in that state your Memorialists could wish for the public Peace and Safety: that your Petitioners being the Officers duly elected by the three Companies agrieved, have remonstrated to the Field Officers and prayed their interposition that these matters might be spedily Redresed, but they have not as yet tho't fit to rectify the ranks aforesaid:—

Wherefore your Petitioners pray that your Honours would grant us such relief in the premises as to you shall seem most expedient: and your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray etc

Abt Moulton Jun	Samuel Young	John Bennet
Moses Sewall	Henry Talpey	Ebenezer Grant
Jos. Bragdon Jr	Charles Trafton	

In Council Nov. 20, 1776 Read & thereupon

Resolved that David Sewall Esqr with such as the Hon'ble House may join be a Comittee to take the above Petition into Consideration & Report what is necessary to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Representatives Nov. 23, 1776

Read & Concurred and Mr. Simpson & Judge Cushing are joined.

J. Warren, Spkr

The Declaration of William Gilly of Crambery Island in the Massachusetts State, Fisherman, That sometime in the month of April past The Ship of War Called the Scarborough Belonging to the British King Commanded by Captain Mowat Came into the Harbor of said Island and anchored there — That the said William was on board the said ship & had considerable conversation with said Mowat, some particulars he remembers as follows — The said Mowat asked if the Inhabitants on said Island had taken up arms. It was answered, No. The said Mowat then said that he was not come to molest but to Protect them, and if they would not disturb his boats in procuring wood & Water, that he would not hurt them, but if otherwise that he was Determined to Level every house on the Island. Mowat then asked if the Inhabitants up Frenchman's Bay had not chiefly taken up arms. Said William answered that he know'd nothing about it. Mowat then said that he know'd several that had, and asked said William if he was not a Pilot up Frenchman's Bay & whether he would not undertake to carry up the ship. Said William answered that he was not a Pilot nor could he undertake it — Said Mowat then asked if said William was acquainted with Colonel Jones who Lived up there. It was answered in the affirmative. Mowat said that he wanted to see him very much, as he had rec'd an Invitation from Col° Jones when at Halifax to pay a visit, and that the said Colonel Jones had promised to procure for him seventy head of cattle, which were to be drove down to some certain point (which the Declarant forgets the name of) where Boats were to be sent By the man of War to receive them.

That the Said Mowat through out many threats against many of the Settlements particularly Machias, asking if those Rebels did not think hanging was too good for them, that if he went there he would utterly destroy them — Said

Mowat appeared to be very well acquainted with the Situation & Circumstances of the diff^{t} settlements, mentioning the different quantity of Lumber which was in several Harbours & told of many matters which happened in different parts: He further said that news had come of Philadelphia Being in Possession of the Britains, that the Inhabitants to the Southward were laying down their Arms — That Boston would soon be in possession of the Kings troops, and that the Frigates which were there he wanted to see, would rejoice of having an Opp^{o} of attacking them both together — He further said that the Greyhound & Diamond which were seen sometime ago before Newbury were cruising for Captain Manley & McNiel — several other matters were spoken of which the subscriber Does not remember.

Cramberry Island May 10, 1777

Witnesses

Jno Long
William Maxwell
I. Allan

W^{m} his X Mark Gilly

On Saturday the 9th of this Ins^{t} Mr. Prebble, Mr How myself and some others, set off in a whaleboat from here for St. Johns River in Nova Scotia & on Tuesday the 12th being arriv'd within about two miles of Simonds & Co heard Gun fir'd out of a Cove on our Larboard Hand & standing for said Cove, found Mess. Hall & Rogers who had just Escap'd in a wherry from a small schooner which had inadvertently run down upon a Man of War who lay near the said Simond's & fir'd those Guns as Signals for our Safety. We landed & haul'd up our boat & Mess^{r} Prebble & How went to a neighboring Village for Intelligence & during their absence we were attacked by the Man of War Barge but

oblig'd them to Retreat. About the Middle of the same Night, Messrs. How & Prebble Return'd safe to us with the following Intelligence which they had Rec'd from the People on Shore Viz :— That the aforesaid Man of War was lately arriv'd from Annapolis Her Name the Vulture of 14 Guns Capt Cola & was stationed there at the Entreaty of the aforesaid Simonds & Co who had sent three Men to Halifax for that Purpose — That the Oath of Allegiance was tender'd to the People at the Mouth of the River, several of whom had taken it & that the arm'd Sloop Gage of 8 Guns was sent to Cumberland to bring away the Troops from thence & to take them up St. John's River to subdue the Inhabitants & that the Fort at said River was to be Rebuilt & a Garrison kept at Annapolis for the Purpose of better Commanding the Bay of Fundy— On Rec^t of the above Intelligence Mess. How & Prebble dispatch'd me with the Boat Express to Machias to acquaint the Committee of Safety etc., with the same & to procure (if possible) a Party of Men to be sent there While themselves and Some others went up the River to the Inhabitants to Encourage them to hold out & to muster the Indians etc. who continue as yet faithful to our Cause for the above Ship brought a Variety of Presents &c for them but have not been able to withdraw them from our Interest at least those whom they tried.

Edward Thompson

Machias May 17th 1777.

We the subscribers being in company with the within mentioned Edward Thompson & others, do declare that the Acc^t within written is just & true to the best of our knowledge.

Machias May 17, 1777.

Stephen Hall
his
John X Ackleay
marke
his
John X White.
marke

To the Hono^ble The Council & House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay.

May it Please your Honours: —

Our Enemies takeing possession of the River St. Johns as Perticularly mentioned in John Allan's Esq., letter to your Honors & in our Memorial is a matter so deeply interesting to this Place, to all this Eastern Country & to the United States of America in General that we verily Thought & still Think that the most vigorous opposition in our Power in Order to divert them if Possible, from their Purpose woud be Justifiable, and merit the approbation of not only our Own State, but of all the Continent. We have Therefore Concured in Sentiments with John Allan. Esqr & with the Utmost chearfulness have Strain'd every nerve to Raise two Companies of about 30 men each, one of which we Expect will sett off Tomorrow

We have on this Pressing Emergency spar'd out of our own Scanty Stores, Procured at Great Expences & risque 12 c/w Pork, 20 c/w Flower, 100 c/w Powder & 400 c/w Balls which we Pray your Honours to Replace as soon as may be, we take it for granted that these men who Go on this Expedition & Inlist for two months will be put into Continental Pay, from the time of their Enlistment and that a Sufficient armament will be Immediately sent to their support—

Captain Stephen Smith, one of our members appears before your Honour, in our behalf, on this & other Purposes—We pray that no time may be lost but that the Business he lays before the Honble Cort may be immediately Dispatch'd (for he leaves us in a very defenceless state) that he may Return & Inform us of Our fate whether it is worth our While to Risque our Lives farther, in Defence of our Property in this Remote part of the State, & in the Common Glorious Cause: or fly before our Enemies & leave a most valuable Country

our own little Property, & the Property of the State a Prey.

We are with due Respect Your Honors Most Obedient Humb^le^ Sarvents

James Flinn. Joseph Libbee.
George Libby. Wooden Foster.

The Committee of Safety etc for Machias.

Machias, May 17th 1777.

In Council June 3^d^, 1777. Read & Ordered that Joseph Palmer and Jabez Fisher, Esqr be a Comittee with such as the Honorable House shall join to consider the within Petition and the Papers accompanying the same & Report what is best to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence
John Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 4, 1777.

Read & Concurred and Mr Greenleaf, Co^ll^ Coffin & Maj^r^ Goodman are joined—

R. T. Paine, Spk^r^ pro tem.

To the Honor^ble^ The Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of the Committee of Correspondence &c of Machias

Humbly Sheweth:

That agreeably to Their expectations this Committee reciev'd certain Intelligence, that our Enemies have taken possession of the River St. John in Nova Scotia, with an expressed design to Fortify it, and Open a Communication by that River to Canada That they have sent to Cumberland for part or all the Troops in that Garrison, to be Stationed at St. John & that the ship already arriv'd has brought large Presents for the Indians, which they decline Accepting for the Present.

This Committee, therefore, beg leave to Observe that St. Johns as it Opens an easy Communication with Quebec & with the back Settlements on this Eastern Shore, is a Grand Object in our Enemies View, for they will have it in their Power, either to Distress or cut us off at Pleasure, Unless a Miraculous interposition of divine Providence Prevents which we niether Deserve or expect. Our Enemies are Crewel & Blood Thirsty & if they can destroy us they will surely accomplish it. The Infamous Mowat has sworn by all that is Sacred that he will destroy this Place.

Your Honors are not Ignorant of the Disposition of the Indians they Expect to be Courted to Receive Large Presents, and like all other Nations Consult their Own Interest. Can we then expect that they will Purchais goods of Our Truckmaster, at an Extravagant Price, when our Enemies have possession of their Control and Present them with everything they want If our Enemies therefore are suffre'd to hold St. Johns the Indians will Infalliably turn against us & we must Desert this Place & Leave this Important Country a Prey to those that Hate us. The State of Massachusetts Bay have done much for us for which we trust we are duly Thankfull & large Piles of Boards are now waiting the Order of the State, in this Place, our Enemies know this and they may easily take them, together with all we have, if they Pleas, for our numbers daily diminishes, our Spirits flag, & our Strength is Gone, as nothing is done for our Protection, or the Expulsion of our Eastern Enemies from the Continent: but on the Contrary we are left with out a Guard & british Murderers advance & Incroach upon us & oblige all our Friends to to take the Oaths of Alegiance to the worst of Tyrants or Submit to beggery, chains & Imprisonment & none dare oppose, or even say why do you so.

Wherefore we your Faithfull & distressed Subjects humbly and Importunately Pray your Honors to send an Army

Immediately to Disposess our Enemies at St. John's, or to fortify & Guard This Place, or this Place & all this Valuable country, as far as Penobscot at least, must fall a Prey to those whose tenderest mercys are Crueltys or which is our dernier resort Under God, perhaps on immediate application to the Supreme authority of the Continent may save us.

And your Memora^{list} as in duty bound shall ever pray

We Remain with due Respect Your Hon^{r} Most Obe^{dt} Hum^{ble} Servants

Stephen Smith James Flinn
Joseph Libbee George Libby
Wooden Foster

The Committee of Safty &c. of Machias

Machias May 18, 1777.

Att a meeting being Leagually Wornd the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Met togather on Thursday the 31st day of March 1774 at time and place and when met acted on the Following articles, Viz^{t}

Article

1 Chose Caleb Graffam Moderator for s^{d} meeting.

2 Voted Richard Mayberry Town Clerk for s^{d} day

3 Voted Richard Dole Town Clerk for the present year

4 Voted Ichabod Hanson, Hugh Crague, Thomas Trott, Selectmen and Assessors for this present year

5 Voted Mr Zorobable Hunnewell, Town Treasurer this present year

6 Voted William Campbel Cunstable and Collector for this year.

7 Voted Caleb Graffam Collector for the penney and half penney Tax for this year.

8 Voted to Adjourn the meeting To Thursday the 7th day of April at ten Clock in the forenoon And then the freehold-

ers and other Inhabitants met at time and place and opened the meeting and acted on the following 6 articles in the morning and Voted that Mr Zorobable Hunnewell and Mr. William Knight and Mr Robert Martin be wardens This present year —

10. Voted That Mr Thos. Mayberry be a Tything man this present year.

11. Voted That the Roads be mended by a Rate this present year.

12 Voted That sixty pounds be Raised for clearing and mending Roads this y^{r}

13 Voted 3^{s}/4^{d} p^{r} Day for men and oxen to work on the Roads this present y^{r}

14 Voted 1^{s}/4^{d} p^{r} day for a plow to work on the Roads this present year

15 Voted Edward Anderson Surveyor of High ways this present year

16 Voted Daniel Pattingall Surveyor of High ways this present year

17 Voted Richard Dole Surveyor of High ways this present year

18 Voted Joseph Chesley Surveyor of High ways this present year

19 Voted Tho. Meayberry, Enoch Wait and Edwd Anderson Surveyors of Lumber this present year.

20 Voted Caleb Graffam be fence viewer, Field Driver, and hog rief this year

21 Voted James Pray be fence viewer field Driver and hog rief this year

22 Voted John younge be fence viewer, field Driver and hog rief this year

23 Voted David Barker be fence viewer, field Driver and hog rief this year

24 Voted Hatievil Hall be fence viewer, field Driver and hog rief this year

25 Voted William Meayberry be fence viewer, field Driver and hog rief this year

26 Voted James Hawks be Deer Rief this year

27 Voted Thirty pounds for the use of a school this present year

28 Voted Eighty pounds for the Revd Mr Peter Thacher Smith's Salery this y^{r}

29 Voted ten pounds for the Town charges this present year

30 Voted That the Collectors shall have one shilling p^{r} pound for gathering The Taxes this present year.

31 Voted that the selectmen be a Committe to Let out the School Lott to the highest bider this present year

32 Voted Richard Meayberry be Pound keeper this year

33 Voted That the swine go at Large beeing Well yoaked and Ring^{d} this present year.

Richard Dole Town Clerk

A True Coppey Attest Edwd Anderson Town Clerk

Cumberland SS. Falmouth May 23^{d} 1777. the above named Edward Anderson made Oath that the foregoing is a true copy taken from the Town Book of Windham of the said Town's Transactions at their March Meeting in 1774 as Recorded by Richard Dole, then Town Clerk, who is now in the Army.

Coram Enoch Freeman Justice of the Peace

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the hon^{l} the council and house of Representatives of said State in General Court Assembled.

The Petitions of Ichabod Hanson, Thomas Trot and Hugh Crague all of Windham in the County of Cumberland humbly Sheweth

That the inhabitants of said Windham at an annual meeting in said town held on the 31 day of March A. D. 1774

legally warned, chose Richard Dole Town Clerk for the year there ensuing & your Petitioners assessors for that year but, the said being absent the Town chose Richard Mayberry clerk for that day who accordingly entered all the votes & proceedings of that meeting on papers, and the said Richard Dole afterwards recorded the doings of said Meeting in the towns book of Records from that paper but it so happened that the said Richard Mayberry was not sworn so that the validity of the proceedings of that meeting may be called in question.

Your Petitioners further shew that there never has been any dispute in the town or doubt, that they know of but that the said Mayberry enter'd all votes & chosies truly & faithfully. They further shew that, as assessors, it was their duty that year, besides assessing the other common taxes laid on the Inhabitants, more especially to assess and apportion a penny half penny tax upon unimproved lands there — and that they have by virtue of a special Law of the then province sold sundry lots, for non-payment of that tax, And that there is danger that the titles of the purchasers may be questioned, and the doings of the Assessors adjudged invalid purely on account of the neglect or omission of swearing the said Richard Mayberry as aforesaid, and other inconviences ensuing

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray that the doings of said Meeting may be confirmed and established as they stand recorded in the town Book by the Standing Clerk the said Richard Dole who was duly sworn to the discharge of his trust, the omission of Swearing the said Richard Mayberry or of his signing Said Minutes, or the present loss of them, notwithstanding: and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Thomas Trott
Ichabod Hanson Assessors.
Hugh Crague

March 31, 1774.

Met at and

1st Voted in Captain Grafam moderator for said meeting 2nd Richard Mayberry town clerke for said meeting 3rd to chose Richard Dole town clerke for the present year, Ichabod Hanson for Selectman & assessor, Hugh Crague to be Selectman & assessor and Thomas Trott, Selectman & Assessor, Mr Hunnewell to be town treasurer, William Camell Collector & Constable. Voted Capt. Grafam Collector for the penny tax.

Adjourned said meeting for said meeting to April the seventh day

I, Edward Anderson of Windham being well acquainted with the hand writing of Capt. Richard Mayberry, do hereby declare that the within minutes are his writing, according to my best judgment & belief

Edward Anderson

Cumberland SS. Falmouth May 23d 1777, the above named Edward Anderson made oath to the truth of the above Declaration by him signed.

Coram Enoch Freeman
Justice of the Peace

The Committee Appointed by a Resolve of the Great & General Court of this State, April 4, 1777 to View the mill dams Upon Presumpscot River in the Town of Falmouth & County of Cumberland, which had been represented to the Court totally to obstruct the Salmon &c in their passage Up said River to confer with the owners of, said dams, view & examine where proper sluice ways may be made & reports A State of facts—Reports the manner in which they conducted the Affair & the Appearance of facts upon view of the obstructions & conference with the owners of the dams—

the Committee Agreed to meet at Presumscot falls on the third Monday of May, previous to which meeting publick notice was given & the purposes of meeting: two of the Committee met at the time & place (Brigadier Thompson not appearing) the other two proceeded Upon the affair & Upon Examination were of opinion that there might be a good passage for the fish without great difficulty or inconveniency on the South Westerly Side of the River between the Mills & the Shore, which Major Benjamin Waite (who Appeared an owner of the Dam & Mills) was willing should be done, the Committee then proceeded to Ammoncongen falls & as the Aforesaid Major Waite owned half that dam he was willing there should be a fish passage in that part of the dam called the Slip near the Northerly Shore of the River, which the Committee viewed, & are of opinion will well answer the end, if made about double the Wedth it now is, the other owners of the dam (the Committee were informed) are minors & no person Appeared for them, from thence the Committee proceeded to Saccarappa & viewed the dams & found no obstruction but on the upper dam, thro' which near the northerly side of the River, Mr Conant who appeared as an owner, was willing there should be a fish passage, which the committee were of opinion would answer the end, the Committee then proceeded to Horse beef falls where Mr Osgood appeared as an owner & was willing there should be a fish passage thro' the dam near the Northerly side of the Stream which the Committee were of opinion would answer the end, the River is large & was said formerly to abound with a variety of fish that frequents Such Streams, but the several dams appeared to the Committee almost or Quite a total obstruction to their passage especially the dam on Presumpscot falls, which the Committee were informed was built about forty-four years ago.

Mr Hale M Greenough Coll[l] Spaulding.

Casco Bay 27th May 1777

Gentlemen/

I have the Honor & pleasure of informing you of my safe arrival here in the Brig Penelope a Prize taken by Capt John Clouston in the Brigantine of War Called the Freedom belonging to this State according to his orders to me I wait your Honour Further Instructions, her Cargo Consisting as per the Inclosed Invoice, my main top mast being sprung I Can't carry any After Sail having had a Gale of Wind in the Gulph which obliged me to Lay to for thirteen days under a ballance Mainsail. Nothing more from

Gentlemen Your Humble Servant

John Gray

P. S. the Brig has on board four three pounders & five Swivells

Falmouth 28, May 1777

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that I have not been able to get Men for the Ship Union though I have tryed every Town between Boston & falmouth & have offerd 25 Dollars per month & 6 Barrels previlege I see no prospect of geting men In this place. If you think it advisable to Come to the Westward with the Ship I should be glad to have your Orders. I think Cape Ann is as likely a place as any I know of. If the Ship was their. I should be glad to have your Orders as soon as may be Convenient, in the meantime I shall do my Indeavor to get what men I can hear. I have four Men Besides My Self & Mate.

your Humbl Servt

Willm Haynes

To the Honbl Bord War

Falm° May 28th 1777.

May it please yr honors.

I have recd the five hundred pounds sent by Capt Haynes & indorsed it on the back of his Rect inclosed to me

He promised each Sailor (previous to their engaging on board the Ship Union) a priviledge equal to five or six barrels & desires me to grant the same. the Mate also wants a priviledge of a 20 Inch Mast — Should be glad of particular directions respecting both —

I remain your Honors

Obt. St Wm Frost.

The hon[l] board Warr.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council and the Honble the House of Representatives in general Court Assembled

May 28, 1777.

The Petition of John Whitcomb & Henry Gardner Esqrs humbly shews

That the General Court of this State on the 3rd day of February A. D. 1774, granted a Township of the Contents of Seven Miles square to be laid out in some of the unappropriated Lands belonging to This State to the eastward of Saco River to the Revd John Gardner & others in Lieu of Township No. 6 on Contoocook River lost by the late Settlement of New Hampshire Line.

That the Grantees aforsd laid out said Township by Joseph Frye, Junr Surveyor & Daniel Farrington and Wyley chainmen under Oath and Returned a Plan therof into the Secretary's office In May following, which Plan was laid before The then General Court for their Acceptance & was committed to a Comtee to examine which Comtee Reported that the sd Grant should be confirmed to the aforesd Grantees but

by reason of the Sudden Dissolution of the General Assembly by General Gage the s^{d} Report was not passed on and Trouble that followed have prevented any Application till this Time in which Interval the Plan Return Certificates &c respecting s^{d} affair Are lost.

Your Petitioners having a Copy of the Plan above referred to have herewith presented The same for Confirmation being able to make the above Relation of Tracts to appear By Testimonies of several Persons some of whom belong to the present General Assembly

Therefore your Pet^{n} humbly Request that the Plan afores^{d} may be confirmed to the Grantees A List whereof is herewith exhibited or that the said Grantees may otherwise be relieved touching the Premises as your Honours shall think Reasonable and as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

John Whitcombe
Henry Gardner.

The Committee Upon the Within Petition having examined the plan therein refered to ask leave to Report, that they are of opinion that the land thereby represented may with Safety be confirmed to the Grantees named in the list exhibited with the petition According to the courses and Measures Set down on said plan And also a strip of land on the Northerly Side of the Township of equal Quantity with that they run in upon Bridgton as is set forth by the red lines in said plan, on the condition & in full satisfaction of the grant made to them Feb. 23 A. D. 1774 provided the grant does not interfere with any former grant or grants and that the contents of the ponds in Said Township Amounts to Two thousand six Hundred Acres.

June 19

Mr. Lewis
Mr. Niles
Cap. Rice

To the Honble Board of Counsellors & the House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay now sitting

The Petition of Ebenezer Cleaveland of Gloucester in the County of Essex humbly Sheweth: that some time in June 1776 the following Persons vizt John Torrey, Thomas Robins and John Tarr of Gloucester, & one Flint of Casco Bay & James Mecomb of Beverly were taken by the Milford Frigate on board of the Yankee Hero, that these said Persons were put on board the Renown Ship of Warr and by Threatning & Starving Necessities were Compelled to Enter who are very Anxious to be Redeem'd as can be made to appear from such as were Prisoners who have been Redeemed and Capt Mark Pool Commanding a Company at Bristol who had been a prisoner with them being desired to Apply to the Governor & Council of Rhode Island State for their Freedom writes that the Renown lays in open sight of his Incampment that the Governor & Council ordered him to desire your Petitioner to apply to the Commissary for Prisoners to Exchange for them. The Commissary your Petitioner here are five Prisoners lately taken who belong to the Greyhound which he will by your leave Exchange for these Men if Practicable therefore in behalf of the Distressed Your Petitioner feeling for them & their distressed Friends Humbly prays your Honours to Indulge the Commissary with leave to us his uttermost for their Redemption and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Eben^r^ Cleaveland.

Boston May 30, 1777.

Boston Town June 4, 1777

Gentlemen

This will be del^d^ you by Mr. John Preble Truckmaster for the Indians of St. Johns River. By the late Movement here

he was forced to Leave that Imployment which was Occationed By the part the Inhabitants had taken in the Cause Now Contend'd for in America & not withstanding the Obligations Enter'd Into they have thought proper to Return back & Seek Shelter under that Government, which is now become the most Contemptable of any upon Earth & Voluntarily Submit to the Mandates of those who is Endeavouring to bring Great Brittain as well as America into the most abject slavery.

There being at present some property belonging to the Massachusetts State and Mr Preble having some business to Settle I Expect he will be permitted to Persue those necessary measures to secure his Effects & Settle such matters as he has Contracted.

The Indians is still acting the Vertious part to whom the United States are Under some Obligations to fulfill Certain promises, I have now come for that End & fully Rely that me nor any of my people be molested my business being solely with the Indians. I shall not have any Connection with the Inhabitants nor Transact any business with them that may Expose them to the Resentement of there new friends who wou'd have had no mercy on them was it not for fear, but this I Leave to your own reflection. You are possessed of Moral Agency & know best for your Own Safety.

I further Expect there will be no obstruction on your part in procuring some necessary refreshments for my Men for which ample Satisfaction shall be made.

I shall take every precaution to prevent any damages to any Person dureing my stay.

I am yours etc.

a true Coppy Jno Allan.

To the Inhabitants of Mangerville

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Committee of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety of the Town of Gorham in the County of Cumberland doth

Humbly Petition & Remonstrate as follows Viz: — That whereas the Committee of this Town for last year on the 7th of September 1776 did Petition to the Hon. Genl Court of this State concerning Sundry Goods & Merchandise bro't from Falmo and lodg'd at Colo Phinneys in this Town formerly the property of Capt Thomas Coulson as by the sd Petition in the Secys Office May appear Whereupon the sd Honble Court was pleas to Ordr Oct. 29. 1776. Viz: – That the Committee of Safety etc. of the "Town of Gorham in the County of Cumberland Be & hereby are directed & Impowered to keep & preserve till the further Order of the General Court, a certain parcel of Goods now in their Custody, taken from & out of the House of Thomas Coulson in the County afored in the month of May 1775, by a Party of the Militia under the Command of Colo Phinney amounting as per Inv. here and annexed to 141. 1. 1. and all Persons are hereby strictly forbidden to use or dispose of the same till the further Order of this Court." Which Order hath hitherto been strictly comply'd with so far as the utmost exertion of the Committee would effect, till lately the captors of the sd Goods in the sd Petition mention growing almost desperate, being kept out of what they call'd their just claim: Your Honrs Petitioners had drafted a second Petition praying your Honours to order them some Allowance, that their minds might be quieted but immediately after, viz: the 3d of June inst., a number of persons encouraged by others did enter the Dwelling House of One of the Committee & with force & arms broke the same, took and carry'd away the said Goods out of your Petitioners Possession. As by the sd special Order of Court the sd

Goods were vested with us, We think it Our bounden Duty to take the Earliest opportunity of Remonstrating to Your Honour's against the s^d^ Illegal proceedings of some of the Captors of the s^d^ Goods Humbley praying Your Honours to take this matter into your wise consideration & be assured of the Loyalty & best endeavours of your Petitioners to preserve inviolate the Authority of the State, and give some Special Orders relating to the Premises as You in your great Wisdom shall see fit & your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray.

Gorham June 5, 1777

Edwd Phinney per Order
In behalf of Committee

Sir/

I hope you will excuse my freedom in troubling your Honour with the inclos'd: as the Selectmen and Committee of Safety, etc. of this Town were strangers to the Members that compose the Honble House the present year: & being anxious for a speedy answer injoin'd it on me to do as I have done the first opportunity: I therefore in the Name & behalf of the Selectmen & Committee of this Town pray your Honour to lay our matter of complaint before the House as soon as may be: that we may have a speedy answer.

From your very humble Servant
Caleb Chase

Gorham June 7, 1777.

To the Speaker of the Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

To the Honor^ble the Council and Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

The Memorial of Stephen Smith of Machias
Most Humbly Sheweth

That a pernitious practice prevails among persons of no Principle but that of Avarice — of Selling Rum and Spirits to the Indians, and by getting them Intoxicated defraud them of their furrs and other articles of trade — by which the State is deprived of the chief profitt of their valuable Merchandise — and frustrate in their good Intentions of preventing of and deceipt in Trafficking with those people — The State in General acquires a bad Name and those who are Employed by the publick to traid with them are obliged to trust them with cloaths Bread and other Necessarys because evil disposed persons have got them drunk and cheated them of what they have to purchase with besides the Honest traider often Suffers ill language and other abuse from them because others got them drunk. He therefore prays Your Hon^rs to pass some act or resolve — or by such other Means as in Wisdom you shall see fit to prevent such Iniquity for the future.

And as there has been some Extraordinary Demands for Stores of late for special occasions, He begs your Hon^rs to take into Your wise Consideration the State of the Stores now at Machias and the Many advantages derived from the traid with the Indians there, Espeacially as it is the only place in their troubles from times from which we can with Safety get any furrs.

and give Such Orders thereon as Your Honours in Wisdom shall think proper —

and Your Memorialist as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray.

Stephen Smith.

Boston June 7, 1777.

A Return of the Sixth Regiment in the County of Lincoln.

Com^{d} Officers 28; Clerks 8; Serjents 33; Corporals 31; Drummers 6; Fifers 2; Rank & file 325; Alarm List 109; guns 355; Bayonets 63; worms 375; Priming pins 357; Hatchets 88; Catrage Boxes 29; Buck shot 100; Jack knives 443; T —— 315; Flints 1390; Powder lb. 167; Ball lb. 799; Knapsacks 427; Blankets 444; Canteens 396.

Officers mentioned:

Capt. Joseph Sevy, Capt Henry Dyer, Capt George Haslem, Capt Samuel Libby, Capt Daniel Sullaven, Capt Ruben Dyer, Ezra Young Capt, Capt John Hall, Capt David Longfellow, Lew^{ta} Joel Whitney

Benj^{a} Foster Coll

Machias March 1777. Pr Jonas Farnsworth Adj^{t}

Norrigwalk, June 8, 1777. We the Inhabitents & upermost Settlers on Canebec River once more Implore the assistance of The Hon^{r} Court of the States off this Collony to Look Crittically into our most Fearfull Situation in Regarde to the Enemy with an Eye of Pitty & Compation For We live intierly Exposed to the Rage of A Merciless Enemy who have Hier^{d} Sum of the Indians Belonging to the Norrigawalk tribe to Asist them in there Hellish Design & to keep the Same in Practice a Party of them consisting of English & French Piletted by the Indians Come to the Great Carrying Place & on the First of march sent in There Spie & took two of our Hunters in about Half a Days travil of the Upper Inhabitent & on the account off a great thaw at that time we Conclude thay ware oblidged to Return without doing any more Damage Therefore we your Humble Petitioners Liveing in such a Dangers Situation And Loth to move inn Humble Pleed our Necessity of Being Gearded & Regearded

Being Great Sufferers in the cause of Liberty Having No chance to Defend the same

Our Friend Indians this Day Have mov^{d} inn & gon down the Reaver & Two Families Have moov^{d} in order to go to Groton from Norrigawalk and others are upon a mooving order & Except we have Help Directly we shall be Oblige^{d} to Leve our farms & seek for shelter we Know not where — these our Imperfect Writings we send to Be Laid Before A Coart of Justice Where the Prayers of the Distressed are Heard and Ansered tho Ever so Emperfect.

James Waugh	George Gray	Thomas Waugh
Robert Whitcomb	Lowell Fairbrother.	Sylvanus Sawyer
Oliver Willson	Jno Clarke	Wm Fletcher

P. S./ the information we have of this Party of the Enemy coming Threw is from Two Hunters that Came in on the first of May & inform^{d} us that They Saw where these two men were taken and Sence confirm^{d} by our Hunting Indians who Saw two Long Camps and Great Signs of a large Party — and told us we had better take our families and move down the River for thay said the English would hire a tribe of Very Bad Indians that Lived Beyond Canada Reaver for which Cause & Causes of the Like Nature the Indians have mooved & moving into By Places intierly out of the way of the Enemy.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council of said State the Petition of Abiel Wood humbly shews — that your Petitioner, sometime in the year A.D. 1775, thro' the malevolent suggestions of some of his assiduous Enemies, that he was an Enemy to & had deserted the American States, had a sum of money to the amount of two thousand Dollars by virtue of an order

of the Congress detained in Mr Pelatiah Webster's Hand not to be paid to your Petitioner without an Order or permit from the Council of this State for that purpose — Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honors to take the Premises into your wise Consideration & Grant him an order or permit to receive his said money from said Webster & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Abiel Wood.

June 10th 1777

Gentn

Governt thinks fit to advise you thro this Board that on Sunday last 11 o'clock A. M. a sloop was chased off the Gurnet as far as the Heights of Marshfield by 2 Frigates & one other very large Ship which from the Distance between her Masts where she put about appear'd to be at least a 50 Gun Ship — Our Informant had a full view of these three Ships & judged them to be British though they showed no Colours. We make no doubt they are still in the Bay & are very apprehensive that the ship with Hessians as well as other vessels bound in may fall into their Hands unless they receive timely notice of their danger. We therefore entreat You will publish as expedily as possible this News to the Eastward to the end that all concerned may be upon their Guard.

S. P. Savage Prest

To the Comtee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety for the Town of Falmouth

War Office Boston 10 June, 1777, 12 o'clock

Sir

As the Board of War hath positive Intelligence from undoubted Authority that there is now in our Bay three

British men of war one of which is judged to be a fifty Gun Ship, & that they are likely to cruise there or off the Capes for some time, it is desired that you will detain the Ships you are now loading, should they be ready to sail until you shall receive further Advice or Intelligence from this Board.

S. P. S.

Wm Frost Esq.

You or the Com^ee^ of Falm^o^ will forward this Intelligence of British Ships cruising in our Bay as far East as you think fit immediately and at the charge of Government.

Falmouth 11th June 1777

Gent

I am sorry to acquaint you that i have Not been Able to get Men for the Ship though I have Dun all that lay in my power since my last I have Shipt one man at 25 Dollars pr month Sailors are very Scarse & what few thare is hear are not fond of such a Voige I have now five Men Besides Myself & Mate the Ship has been loaded, wooded and watered this 10 Days only Waits for men Should you think proper to offer eney more Incouragment Or to have the Ship brought to the Westward I should be glad to have your orders. If the Ship is to lay hear till Man'd as it May be Sum time Should be glad if you would send Down Sum more Rum Coffe or chocolate & Sugar as I am oblig^d^ to find the Sailors & have not got a Suffeshency on bord Neither is it to be had hear I Rec'd your letters for Messrs. Jacques Gruel & C. Shall take perticuler Care of them We hear ther is four or five saile of Crusers on the Coast one of them was cruising of this harbor last Sunday I shall still Exerte myself as much as possible about getting men though I have but poor Incouragment as men are very Scarse. I am Gen^t^ your humble Servant Willm Haynes.

To the Honble Board War

Machias June ye 12th 1777

To Capt Stephen Smith

Take this opportunity to lett you know that Last Saturday morning Embarked Maj^{r} Shaw with forty-five men for St Johns to joyn with Mr Allen it was attended with Great Difficulty to Repare boat for them to go in and attended with much Expence to gett Nails, Pitch & so forth, to Repare the Boat which hindred Maj^{r} Shaw from setting out so sune as we Expected. How Ever we are in hopes he will arrive seasonable to Meet the Enemy according to the last account the Enemy nor Mr Simonds had not arriv'd thare but was hourly Expected. Willm Albey arrived hear Last Sunday with a prize schooner, the Industery, Richard Velpay, Lieu^{t} master which schooner was taken last week by Capt West & Company & sent in hear Mr Albey Seems to attend to the Business of the prize more than the safety of the States that Layd those matter before the Committee but thayr being no letter from Mr. Allen and but a very Blind acount from Capt West Did not verily well no how to prosed but Recommended to Mr Albey from him and his party to Secure the Prize in the Best maner thay Could and Return to thar Duty agin which Mr Albey Declined but Mr Hall one of the Gauerd with him Expressed his Desire to Return to Capt West agin and he with the Rest Setts off this Day for St. Johns, Mr. Albey seems Intent upon Libeling and getting the vessel Condemened amiadiately the Committee Recommended it to Mr. Albey not to prosced any further upon the Business until he Notifies Mr. Allen of the matter and send to him a Coppy of the Vessels papers and an account of the Whole proceedings so that he may be consulted in the matter as Mr Allen was upon the River with the Indians when they took & Brought of said prize away And the Committee told Mr. Albey it his present designs seems to carry an appearance of thare Trying to Get the

Vessel Condemned to a few Individuals and give up thare Pretentions of being in the State's Service we told him that if so, the Committee would Insist upon the Expences of thare Provisions, Boats & Amunition to be paid out of the prize. How ever that was a matter he Give himself no trouble about, and without the advice of the Committee on his owne account Landed the Cargo in Esqr Jones^{s} store and we supose either by himself or attorney will soon have her Libeled at Pownalborough and if the Captors are in the States Service you will acquaint the States Agent of the matter also you can get the Tryal putt off till Mr Allen Can have an opertunity to putt in his clame if he has any as it may be asserted that he is among the Meckmack Indians & we think those Persons that Seeks thare owne Interest so much more then thay Do the safety of a Bleeding Country Disarves no preferment in it Captain West was considerate Enough to write to the Committee To Suport his family while in the Sarvis but not anything how to have the Prize Proceeded with, by Inquirey we understand her Cargo is

2 H^{ds} W. I. Rum 2 H^{ds} Molasses 5 Tearces Rice 2 Barrels Pork 1 Bowl Tobaco about 300 lbs Cotton 20 thousand Nails a good schooner about fifty guns, som English goods

She apears by the Papers to be from Halifax about fifteen Days ago but brings no Material advises. the Lieut Capt. seems to have great Pretenchens to Liberty and has a permit from the honorabal Council Dated Last October to Remove his family and Effects from Yarmouth in November Into this State but it seems was upon a Very Different Business it is plain to be seen how the Honorable Council are Imposed upon by such Villins, that under a cloak of Liberty are Daily Selling thare Country. We have no account from you Since your arival at Casco Bay and are Impatient to hear. hope you will Lett us Know as sune as Possibel. our Expences in fitting out this Expedition has been much

Greater then we first Expected. We Look for an Express from Mr Allen through the woods in a Day or two, and are In hopes that the News will be favorable about the Indians god only Knows what is Designed for Us etc.
as to John Anderson Goods
upon Examination thare are two Terces Rum which are near one half Spiled we supose in Long's Schooner about half way up the casks had been wast and sune as we Discovered it we shifted it and the wast part was almost Rotten which is very near one half which had it not been shifted would sune ben all spiled etc. We were obliged to borrow four Barels pork and two Barels flower. Since you went away to fitt out Maj. Shaw & party also was obliged to Borrow a hundred weight of Balls or the Truck house would be Left to Bare as we Look upon it our Duty, as far as in us Lys to see the Truck house is well suplyed at this Critikel Day as the Indians are Dayly making Very unreasonable Demands so must Conclude your Sencear friend and well Wishers the Committee of Machias

James Flinn clerk

In Council July 1, 1777 Read & Comitted to the Comittee to whom was referred the Representation of the Comittee of Correspondence etc of Salem relative to Mr Valpey.

Sent Down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy

In the House of Representatives July 1, 1777.

Concurr'd

R. T. Paine Spkr pro. tem

To the honble The Assembly of the State of the Massachusetts Bay.

The Memorial of Pelatiah Webster of Philadelphia, humbly Sheweth

That about Two years ago Abiel Wood of Pownalboro' in your State sent his Sloop Betsey of about Eighty tons Burthen to Philadelphia to be there Loaded with flour & iron — That he Address[d] said Vessel to your Memorialist

That the Committee of Inspection of said Philadelphia Refused to Suffer said Sloop to be Loaded or Sold for Acc[o] of said Wood by Reason of Exceptions taken to y[e] Political character of said Wood — That ab[t] Nine months ago the General Congress gave permission to your Memorialist to sell said Vessel Requiring him to Vest the Real proceeds of said sale in Your Assembly or their order.

Your Memorialist therefore prays the order of your Assembly to pay said Nett proceeds to said Wood or Order.

Pelatiah Webster

Boston 12th June 1777.

Falm[o] 13, June 1777

Sir

Mr. William Newman has just arriv[d] here from George Town & informs that he Arrivd at Booth Bay in a Brigantien from Nants in France Nicholas Bartlet jun[r] Master. He apply[d] to Us for assistance in forwarding him to Boston — We have Supplyd him with three pounds Twelve shillings & have procur'd him a horse to prosecute his journey — he has a letter for the Board of War. As we choose to be properly informed We took the liberty to open the letter — we think it at present Dangerous in Going from either this or Georgetown to Boston by water As A frigate is Cruising between this & Small point. Mr. Newman Likewise informs that Capt. Bartlet has a pacquet for the Continental Congress we are sorry we have not the pleasure to forward it — but Capt. Bartlett No Doubt has reasons for Detaining it — we make

no doubt you will see that we are reimburs'd for the charges we have & may be at.

We are with due respect Y^{r} friends & Serv^{ts}

John Waite Chairman

per Order of the Committee

An Inventory of Sundrys Delivered John Allan Esqr Continental Agent for Eastern Department on the River St. Johns June 15, 1777. Viz^{t}

3 Bails Blanket^{s} Cont^{g} 43: 131. 21½ yd^{s} Oznabriggs 15 yd^{s} Linnen 33 yd^{s} fine Linnen check 29½ yd^{s} coarse Linnen check 5 Hatts 3½ Doz^{n} Knives 10 P^{s} Gartering 4 P^{s} Yallow Quality 5 P^{s} Silk ferret 30 yd^{s} wide ferret 75 yds Ribband ⅔ Cask Raisins 27 y^{d}s blue Duffle 60 lbs Bread 2 bbls Molasses 68 Gallons 1½ Ct. Balls 1 Bble Rice cont^{g} 1^{c} 2^{qr} 12^{lb} 24 lb^{s} Chocolate 10 lb^{s} Tobacco 2½ Doz^{n} Needles 10 y^{ds} in three pieces Calico 51 y^{ds} in three pieces Calico 124 bbs Beaver 87 Musquash Skins 8 Minks Skins 4 Martins Skins 2 Peequands Skins 4 Otters Skins

From the precariousness of matter on the River St. John's & the critical situation of the place: it was thought Expediant to take out of the hand of Mr John Preble such things as he had belonging to the State. I acknowledge therefore to have rec^{d} the above articles for which I will be accountable.

Machias Sept. 2nd 1777 J. Allan

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives, June 16, 1777.

Resolved that the doings of a Town Meeting of the Town of Windham in the County of Cumberland held in said Town March 31st A. D. 1774, be & hereby is established and con-

firmed as they stand recorded in the Town Book by Richard Dole the standing clerk notwithstanding the commission of Richard Mayberry the clerk for the Day aforesaid being sworn any Law usuage or custom to the contrary Notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^r

In Council June 7, 1777

Read & Concurred as taken into a New Draught.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Jno Avery, Dpy. Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 21, 1777

Read & concurr^d

J. Warren Spk^r

Consented to

Jer. Powell	S. Holten	B. White
A. Ward	Jabez Fisher	H. Gardner
W. Spooner	F. M. Dana	Benj. Austin.
Jedidiah Preble	Oliver Prescott	I. Palmer
N. Cushing	John Taylor	Tim^o Danielson
Danl Davis		

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives, June 16, 1777.

Whereas tis represented to this Court, that at the annual meeting of the Town of Windham in Cumberland County on the 31 day of March 1774 one Richard Mayberry a temporary clerk of the meeting, was not Sworn to the faithfull discharge of that Trust: That the Votes and transactions of the said meeting have since that Time been Recorded in the Town Book of Windham by Richard Dole the standing

Town Clerk for that year, from minutes made on Paper at said meeting by the said Richard Mayberry, and as doubts may arise whether the Votes and proceedings of the said Town meeting can be in law considered legal.

It is therefore Resolved that the Votes, and proceedings of the Town of Windham aforesaid at their March meeting in 1774, as Recorded in their Town Book by Richard Dole, shall be as Valid and effectual to every intent and purpose, as tho' the said Richard Mayberry had been duly Sworn: any Law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

To the Honorable the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay New England

The Memorial of Nathan Jones of Goldsborough in said State

Humbly Sheweth

That at the Superiour Court of Judicature next to be Holden at York, will come on the Tryall of a Certain Vessell the property of your Memorialist, and that the personal attendance of your Memorialist is absolutely necessary in order that the same cause may be Justly litigated, and that your Memorialist is necessitated to make application to your Honours for Liberty to attend said Court by reason of Your Memorialist having given his parol of Honor that he would not goe at a greater distance from the town of Boston than Twenty Miles, without Liberty first had & obtained of the Honble the Council or General Assembly of this State. Wherefore your Memorialist prays your Honours would grant Liberty for to goe not only as far as York to attend the Tryall aforementioned but also to visit his family at Goldsborough haveing been absent from the same for a very considerable time, at the same time subject to such restric-

tions as your Honours in your Wisdom shall Judge fit & proper & as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Nathan Jones

Boston June 17 - 1777

Council Chamber June 10, 1777

Nathan Jones of Goldsborough is hereby permitted to go to York in the County of York in this State to attend a cause, pending in the Sup. Court there respecting the capture of his Vessell and in case the Said Cause should be continued to Falmouth Court which (will be the first Tuesday of July next. The said Jones is permitted to attend the said Court at Falmouth But not otherwise. He the said Nathan Jones giving his Parol of honour for his Returning to the limitations and restrictions he is now under as soon as his said Cause shall be determined or (in case it is tried at either of the Courts aforesaid) or as soon as the same shall be continued over to a future day.

Falmouth June 17, 1777.

Sir/

I receivd Yours of the 5 of this ins^{t} by the 14 by which I was informd that Your Ship Gruel had been sail from Marblehead then about 10 days but she had not arived at Sheepsgut which Gave me Reason to feare She was taken on the 15. I was inform'd there was a Ship at Falmouth which came from Marblehead and that the men had Left her which gave me hopes that Your Ship was not taken. on Monday the 16th inst. I came for Falmouth to Sea if it was Your Ship if it was to assist the Capt. to remove her to Sheepsgut on arrival I found Your Ship Gruel here Joseph Proctor Master. he had onbent his Sails and on-ballasted the Ship. Capt. Proctor then deliver'd your Letter of the 16th of May. I then asked him the reason of his stoping at Falmouth and

conducting in the manner he had. He replied that Col° Glover Gave him Verbal Orders to Come to falmouth with the Ship and there discharge his men, and that Mr William Frost had ordered him to haul the Ship to the Wharfe & unbend the Sails and on ballaste the Ship. I then showed him Your Letter and Desired him to Ballast the Ship again and get her in Order to prosed to Sheepsgott as quickly as possible and offered him all assistance necessary. he replied that he should not for he was employed by Col. Glover. As to the great Expense you have been inform'd would attend the moveing your Mast from Kennebeck to Sheepsgott Sir I imagine that information is from Several persons in Kennebec by what I had heard from that Quarter but I can with pleasure inform the Honble Board that there information is Ficticious for the whole Expence of removeing the mast and plank from Kennebeck to Wiscasset point did not Amount to more than twenty Dollars. You wrote me in your Letter of the 5 of June that the money is sent me to pay for the Cargo and fixing out the Ship but have not received it. Capt Procter Informs me that Your Ship is no ways first to take in Mast having no spare Cordage for that use and that he wants Considerable to fix the ship for the Sea and that he shall want Provisions and almost Every thing Else that is necessary to fit a Ship for Such a Voyage. All there is on Bord Consists in 1 bb of flower 2 bb of Porke, 9 bb of Beef & a Quantity of Bread which is damag'd. There is a Prize Brig at Damariscotta River thats taken by Capt. Fisk with Hessians on Bord that has also a quantity of Cordage and provisions on Bord which would answer to furnish your Ship Gruel if s^d Brig is Stop^t there. The Rum Molasses & other things Mentioned in my Memorandum will be much wanted for the Ships use while Loading and one hundred waits of Coffee or Chocolate for I Cant Geat a man to work on Bord without finding him some rum. One cask of Rice

& one Barrel of Shugar Will be necessary which things I must Beg You to forward to me as quick as possible also orders for your Ship to proseed to Sheepsgut and forward to me the money necessary. the Mast are all hewed and receive damage Every day till Ship[t] I expected by Your Letter of 5 June that the money was sent to me in the Ship but Capt. Proctor informs me that it was not. Your letter of the 16 May was not Seal[d] therefore Col. Glover & Capt. Proctor must know that your Ship was Ordered to Sheepsgut and am surprised that Col[o] Glover should (after having the Ship Under his care three months to fix for the Voyage) Send her down in want of Allmost Everything necessary therefor, not having sufficient Riging to Set the Ships Sails — I am in hast with all respect Your Most Humble Servant

Timothy Parsons

Hon[ble] Board of War.

From a Commissary's Report, 1777.

	Number of Men to Draw Provisions	Number of Days Drawn for
June 17, Lieut. Joel Whitney's Company —	8 Men	4
June 18, Capt. Halls Company	12 Men	6
June 24, Conal Campbel himself Excluded	17 Men	5
June 28 Capt. Sulleving's Comp	14 Men	5

Then follows a list of provisions.

To the Honourable Council & Honourable House of Representatives att Boston in general court Assembled We your Humble Petitioners

Humbly Sheweth: that whereas Harpswell Lying on the sea & being a Neck of Land & an Island which Island is Navigable

for Vessells of a considerable Burthen all round and the Neck for Eight miles on both sides, and the British Ships of War are cruising on our Coast Daily and some Times are seen Very Near in with the Land and we understand by Very Correct Information that they have on board of one of their Ships for their Pilate one Willm Haffey who was Taken in a Coasting Sloop from this Town in the Year 1776 so that we look upon our selves in the greatest Danger of being Plundered & our Stocks being Taken of before we can be alarm^{d} to make any resistance: therefore, Gentlemen, We pray your Honours would Take into your wise Consideration the Danger we are in & grant us a small gard of about Twelve men who may keep a centre on the Two Lower Points of Neck & Island so that upon any Discovery of any Vessells of War we may be alarmed. Likewise we Pray they may be under the care of the Militia officer as to their faithfulness and appoint such an officer over them as your Honours shall think Proper: as we in duty bound shall ever Pray.

Harpswell June ye 18th 1777

William Sylvester
John Rodick } Selectmen
Anthony Coombs

To the Honble the Council for the State of Massachusetts Bay

and the Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled —

May it Please your Honors.—

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants on Kennebeck River & others in the County of Lincoln . . . Humbly Sheweth:

That by an Act passed by the Great & General Court or Assembly for the State aforesaid in the year of our Lord,

One thousand seven hundred & seventy-six, Establishing Naval Officer in this State, a Port is established at Boothbay in said County of Lincoln, which is vastly incommodious to the Trading Part of this County, that are Settled upon & Contiguous to the said River Kennebeck as the Distance is very great, either to Boothbay, or Falmouth, and as we have no doubt but this Honble Court are ready at all Times to attend to the reasonable request of the Subjects of this State and to grant them all that relief which this Honble Court in their Wisdom shall think they are Intitled to. Your Petitioner therefore humbly Pray that a Port may be Establish'd upon said River Kennebeck & a Naval Office Erected therein, which will be a Vast Ease & Benefit to y^{r} Petitioner & to the Publick in General & as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray &c

Jon^{a} Bowman	Nathl Thwing	Obadiah Call Junr
Jon^{a} Davis	Rol^{d} Cushing	Samuel Goodwin Junr
Prince Barker	Davis Hatch	Lones houdlette
John Johnson	Jonathan Reed	William Hathorn
John Hathorn	Joel Reed	Francis Ford
William Wyman	James Derry	Robert Reed
Phillip White	Robert White	Eben^{r} Preble
Richd Harnden	John Langdon Jun	Timothy Parsons
Jordan Parker	Tim^{o} Langdon	Sam'l W. Cobb
Joseph Bowker	James Purinton	James Cargill
Solomon Walker	Israel Smith	Jonathan Fuller
Stephen Whitmore	Joseph Foster	Ebenezer Whittier
Jno Wood	Joseph Lambard	Thos Rice

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay Humbly Shews Jotham Moulton of York in the County of York Esqr

That some time in the last May Sessions of this Court

The Hon. House granted unto your Petitioner the Sum of Fifty-Three Pounds Eleven Shillings & nine Pence for sundry necessary Supplys to the armed Schooner Diligent under the command of Lieu^{t} Lambert, in the Service of this State. That your Petitioner has the greatest Reason to believe that the said Grant was concurred by the Hon. Council. But so it happens that among the multiplicity of Business that took place about That Time Your Petitioner has not been able to obtain a Warrant from the Treasurer for said Sum. By reason that the said Grant nor the record thereof is not to be found in the Secretary's office

Wherefore your Petitioner prays That your Honours would review the said Grant, and that he may have a Warn^{t} on the Treasury for the same.

By David Sewall

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 20th 1777

Resolved the Commissary General be & he hereby is Directed to Deliver to Mr Peter Woodbury or Order one Hundred Weight of Gun Powder for the use of the Cannon at the fort in Cape Elizabeth he to be accountable for the same

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spk^{r}

In Council June 20, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Jedidiah Preble	Richd Derby	B. White
S. Holten	I. Palmer	John Taylor
Jabez Fisher	Dan'l Davis	F. M. Dana
Oliver Prescott	N. Cushing	Tim^{o} Danielson
Benj Austin		

State of Massachusetts Bay in the House of Representatives June 20, 1777

On the Petition of Pelatiah Webster for Liberty to pay the Nett Proceeds of the Sloop Belfry to Abiel Wood of Pownalborough or his Order

Resolved, that the said Webster **B** have Liberty to pay the Nett Proceeds of the said Sloop **A** to the said Wood or Order, if he sees fit.

Sent up for concurrence

J. Warren, Sp^{kr}

In Council July 2^{d} 1777.

Read & Concurred with the Amendment at **A** Viz^{t} dele the words, to the said Wood or Order if he sees fit, and insert, unto the Treasury of this State, then to remain until the further Order of the General Court, and that the Receiver General upon receiving the said Proceeds from said Webster shall give him a Discharge for the same.

Sent Down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy.

In the House of Representatives July 2, 1777.

Read & Concurrd with the further amendment at **B** viz. at **B** dele the words "have liberty" and insert "be and hereby is directed" Sent up for Concurrence.

R. T. Paine Spk^{r} pro. temp.

In Council July 2^{d} 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

Consented to

Jer. Powell	Jabez Fisher	Tim^{o} Danielson
A. Ward	I. Palmer	R. Derby
W. Spooner	John Taylor	B. White
Jedidiah Preble	H. Gardner	Tim^{o} Edwards
S. Holten	T. Cushing	N. Cushing

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives June 20th 1777

On the Remonstrance & Petition of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety for the town of Gorham seting forth that a number of Persons, encouraged by others did enter the Dwelling House of One of the said Commtee by Force and Arms & carried off a quantity of goods that were the property of Thomas Coulson of Falmouth an Absentee wch goods were ordered by the General Court to remain in their possession until the further orders thereof.

Therefore resolved that the Committee aforesaid be and hereby are directed to make strict enquiry for the discovery of the Persons who have been guilty of the crimes aforesaid and cause them to be apprehended & brought to justice and also that the Goods may be recovered into the hands of the committee & when recovered the sd Committee are directed to conform to the Acts & Resolves of the General Court of this State for Absentees Estates made & provided.

And whereas it is suggested that sundry persons had been at the trouble of procuring the goods abovementioned, it is further resolved that they be allowed to lay their Accounts before this Court for allowance provided they were not the Perpetrators or Abettors of the riotous & Illegal proceedings aforesaid

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spkr

In Council June 20, 1777

Read & Concurred Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Jedidiah Preble	John Taylor	Jabez Fisher
F. M. Dana	I. Palmer	S. Holten
R. Derby	H. Gardner	B. White
Timo Danielson	Danl Davis	Oliver Prescott
N. Cushing	Benj. Austin	

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 20 1777.

On the Petition of the Committees of Cape Elizabeth, Windham, Gorham and Pearsontown in the County of Cumberland, complaining that several Mill Dams have been erected across the River Presumpscott which have totally obstructed the Passages of Fish up said River and praying for Relief.

Resolved That the Petitioners notify Master Benjmin Wait Builder of the Dam at Presumpscot Falls **A** on said River **B** by serving him **C** with a Copy of this Resolve) to appear on the third Tuesday of the next setting of the General Court, and Shew Cause, if any he have why **D** he should not make and keep open a sufficient Sluice or Passage Way through and round said Dam for the Passage of Fish up said River and pay the charge arising thereon.

And it is further Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to John Lewis Esqr and James Fabyan each the sum of sixteen shillings in full for their Time and Expences for serving on a Committee to view the Dams upon Presumscott River etc. agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 20th of April last—

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Sp^{kr}

In Council June 24, 1777.

Read & Concurr'd with the Amendment at **A. B. & C.**

Sent down for Concurrence.

Jno Avery Dpy. Secy.

at **B** insert together with Enoch Freeman Esqr Daniel Dole, Enoch Ilsley and Abraham Osgood, Proprietors of several Mills on said River which obstruct the Passage of the Fish

at **A** insert & Amancoggin Falls

at **C** dele him and insert them.

In the House of Representatives June 24, 1777.

Read & Concurr'd and the House propose a further amendment viz. at **D.** dele he and insert they.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^r

In Council June 25, 1777.

Read & Concurr'd

John Avery Dpy. Secy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	Jedidiah Preble
W. Spooner	Richard Derby	John Whitcomb
S. Holten	H. Gardner	Dan'l Davis
B. White	F. M. Dana	Tim^y Danielson
N. Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Tim^y Edwards

In the House of Representatives June 21st 1777.

Resolved that the Board of War be & hereby are directed to furnish the Truck house at Machais, as soon as may be, with the Articles in the Schedule herewith presented, as those Articles that are most Vendable among the Indians are chiefly disposed of by Orders of this Court, the Truck master being Accountable for such of said Articles as may be delivered him.

A True Extract from the Resolves

Attest Jno Avery D. Secy.

Invoice of Sundrys wanting in the Truck House at Machias

200 Bushels Corn 60 Bushels Salt 200 Gallons Rum 200 Gallons Molasses 6 Barrels Pork 200^lb hogs fatt 1000^lb of bread 100 Blankets 200 yards Staves 200 yards duffells 400 yards Linnen 200^lb Sugar 1 Cask Wine 100^lb Powder 400^lb Balls 100 yards broad cloth 200 yds different Calicoes 1 Cask Raisins Hatts, Hatchets, Knives, Ribbands, Binding 12000 Wampum 1000^bl Tobacco Pipes, Tin Kittles, Steels Beeds, Coarse Lace Thread.

The above Articles are most wanting — there is a Trunk of Goods that was stopt at Machias, that belonged to Mr Anderson, Containing an assortment for the Indians at St. Johns, which are Superior to any that can be now purchased. A True Copy

Attest Jno Avery D. Secy.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Resolved that the Commassary General be & he hereby is Directed to Deliver to Joseph Noyes Commasary of the Forces Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth three Boxes of Candles of about forty pounds each One thousand Flints, One Ream Cartridge paper and twelve fathoms of match Rope for the use of said Forces he to be accountable for the same.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^r^

In Council June 21, 1777.

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A. Ward	Jedidiah Preble
Richd Derby	I. Palmer	Benj. Austin
John Taylor	Jabez Fisher	Danl Davis
F. M. Dana	Oliver Prescott	N. Cushing
Tim^o^ Danielson	S. Holten	B. White

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives, June the 21st 1777.

On the Memorial of Capt. Stephen Smith, Shewing that one or more of the Inhabitants of Machias, by selling Strong liquors to the Indians, in such quantities as to intoxicate them, have defrauded them of their Furs, and other valuable Articles thereby depriveing this State in a great measure of

the benefit of their Trafick, and in a great measure frustrating the laudable design of this State, of attaching said Indians to its Interest, Together with the necessity the Truckmaster is under to trust them, all which would be prevented, if the evil practice of selling Strong drink to said Indians was duly attended to. Resolved That no person or persons (the Truckmaster excepted) be allowed to give, sell, Truck, Barter or Exchange, with any Indian or Indians any strong beer, cyder, wine, rum, brandy, or any other strong liquor for cloathing or any other thing whatsoever the Indians, may have in possession whether intoxicated or not. On the penalty of Forty Shillings to be paid one moiety to him or them who shall inform or sue for the same & ye others moiety to Treasurer of this State for the use of the State for each and every offence above mentioned to be recovered att any Court proper to try the same, or two months imprisonment. It is further Resolved that the Board of War be & hereby are directed to furnish the Truckhouse att Machias, as soon as may be, with the Articles in the Schedule herewith presented, as those articles which are most vendable among the Indians are chiefly disposed of, by Orders of this Court the Truckmaster being accountable for such of said articles as may be delivered him

Sent up for concurrence

J. Warren, Spk^r^

In Council June 21, 1777.

Read & Concurred.

John Avery Dpy Secy

Consented to

Jer: Powell	Jabez Fisher	B. White
A. Ward	S. Holten	H. Gardner
W. Spooner	John Taylor	Tim^o^ Danielson
Jedidiah Preble	Dan Davis	Oliver Prescott
I. Palmer	N. Cushing	F. M. Dana

Falmouth June 23, 1777.

Sir

A Prize Brig^{a} arriv'd heare this day sent in by Capt. Clouston, the Prize Master tells me his orders are to send an Express Imediately to Boston, he is in want of provisions &c & also Cash to hire a man to go. I have hired the Post to Carry the letters to Boston & shall Furnish him with what he wants. He heard I was agent at this Porte made him apply to me it is true I was appointed D^{y} Agent by Tim^{y} Parsons of Pownalboro' last Fall before I went to Virginia but whether he is Continued to this time I dont know. If he is I woud not have anything to do with any Vessell under Parsons (From what I have hear^{d} respect^{g} Parsons I wou^{d} not at any rate) as I have the Care of the Continental Prizes which arive heare, it may be of service to me to be Agent for the State Prizes & also to the Place to have some of them sold heare.

Should there be an agent appointed for this Place shall take it a favor you'l mention my name, it may be as much in my Power to Serve the State as any one Else. Wou^{d} thank you for an answer whether I shall Supply the Prize master etc. by the Bearer who will Come out of Town Imediately

I am in Haste Y^{r} most Hum^{ble} Servt

Simeon Mayo

Mr. Ellis Gray

P. S. Thos Oxnard has bin missing abt Ten Days I Believe gone intend^{g} for Europe. Shall write you soon hope to see you in July — has marston yet sent for the money If not I shall order it otherways. S. M.

State of Massachusetts Bay In the House of Representatives June 24th 1777 on the Petition of the Selectmen of Harpswell, praying that they may have two Penal guards

one on the lower point of meryconeag neck & the other on the lower end of Sebascodegin Island.

Resolved that there be inlisted Eight men of the Militia of the County of Cumberland to keep two guards, four of them to be stationed on the Lower point of merryconeag neck & four of them on the lower end of Sebascodegan Island to be under the direction of the militia Captains of Harpswell to do duty for the term of six months from this time unless sooner discharged by order of Court & to have the same wages as the Soldiers stationed at Falmouth & be allowed Six Shillings p week to find themselves subsistance & that they furnish themselves with fire arms & other accoutrements.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk[r]

In Council June 24, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jn[o] Avery Dpy Secy.

Consented to

A. Ward	W. Spooner	Jedidiah Preble
I. Palmer	John Taylor	Jabez Fisher
S. Holten	B. White	F. M. Dana
Tim[o] Danielson	Dan[l] Davis	A. Gardner
Benj. Austin	Oliver Prescott	Tim[o] Edwards

State of the Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 25, 1777

On the Petition of the Hon[ble] John Whitcomb & the Hon[ble] Henry Gardner Esq[rs] respecting the acceptance of a plan & Confirmation of the land within represented to them & their Associates as named in a Schedule exhibited with said plan in Satisfaction for a grant made to them, on the 23 day of February A. D. 1774, of a Township of land, of the

contents of Seven miles Square which grant was made in consequence of their loosing the Township No. 6 in the line of Towns on Contoocook River by runing the lines between this State & the State of New Hampshire.

Resolved that the Township of land described by the following lines & Courses be confirmed to the aforesaid John Whitcomb & Henry Gardner Esq^{rs} & their Associates on the Conditions hereafter mentioned, viz: Beginning at a White pine tree in the westerly corner of a Township Called Otisburg, thence N. 25^{degrees} W: one Hundred rods to a Stake, in the Northerly corner of a Township Called Bridgeton, thence W. S. 65^{degs} two miles to a stake, thence N. 25^{deg} Six Miles & half & thirty rods to a hemlock, thence N. 65^{degs} E. one mile to a stake, thence N. 25^{degs} W. one Hundred & ninety rods to a stake, thence N. 65^{degs} E: three quarters of a mile to a stake: thence N. 25^{degs} W: one hundred rods to a Stake, thence N. 65 ^{degs}. E. two miles, thence S. 25^{deg}. E. one hundred rods to a Stake, thence N. 65^{deg}. E. three miles & three quarters: thence S. 25^{deg} E. Seven Miles & Sixty rods to a heap of stones, thence S. 65^{deg}. W. by land belonging to this State & the aforesaid Otisburg to the White pine first mentioned on one condition that this grant does not interfere with any former grant or grants & that the Grantees perform the terms mentioned in the said Grant of Feb. 23, A. D. 1777, & Also that the Contents of the ponds in said Township amounts to Two thousand Six Hundred Acres, and provided the same does not Contain more than seven miles square exclusive of Pond.

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^{r}

In Council June 25, 1777.

Read & Concurred

John Avery Dpy Secy

War Office Boston, June 25, 1777.

Mr William Frost

Sir We are greatly Surprised you have not got Men for Capt. Haynes Ship as you promis'd to get the Men &c. for her, please to get the Men if possible & dispatch Capt. Haynes immediately & take the first good Wind if the Coast is clear & proceed on his Voyage & if she wants any stores get them & we will replace them to you by the first opportunity — deliver out of Capt. Haynes Ship all the Dogs & all his falls for to Load Capt. Proctors Ship — We are sorry you did not acquaint Capt. Proctor you was not to load his Ship as you know Mr Parsons was to load her & he had the Cargo ready for her, please to give him all assistance to get down to the place of Loading — We are, Sir

Yr Most Hble Serts.

By order of the Board

Saml Phips Savage Prest

War Office June 25th 1777

Mr Timy Parsons

Sir We rec'd your Letter pr post of the 17th Inst. We have order'd the Ship Gruel Capt. Proctor to leave Falmouth & proceed for Wiscasset as soon as a favourable Opportunity presents such things as we can procure that you have wrote for shall be sent you — in the mean time as soon as the Ship arrives you will get her loaded as quick as possible. We are Yrs &c By order of the Board

Saml Phips Savage Prest

War Office June 25, 1777

Capt Procter

Sir We are a good deal Surprisd you should go to Falmouth as the loading is contracted for at Wiscasset by Mr. Parsons — Our Orders now are that you apply immediately

to Mr Wm Frost for such articles as you may need as Tackles &c to get in your Masts which Capt Haynes had to load his Ship with & proceed to Wiscasset with all dispatch — Call on Mr. Frost & Mr. Parson's to assist you to get down with dispatch where the Load is & follow Mr. Parson's directions.

By order of the Board

Saml Phips Savage Pres^{t}

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 28, 1777

On the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of Norridgewalk on Kenebec River praying that a Guard may be Stationed on said River.

Resolved That Coll William Howard be and he is hereby impowered to raise by Inlistment a party to consist of one Sergeant and five Private Men. Said Party to remain in Service of this State untill the first Day of December next unless sooner discharged by said Howard to be employed as a Scouting Party on the Frontiers of the Inhabitants on Kennebec River at such convenient place or places as the said Howard shall order — Said Sergeant to be allowed and paid out of the Public Treasury of this State the Sum of forty-eight shillings and each of the said Privates the sum of forty shillings p^{r} Calendar Month Also Six Shillings p^{r} Week each for their subsistence — And it is further

Resolved That the Commissary General be and he is hereby directed to deliver to Capt. Abie Lovejoy six good Fire arms, six pounds of Powder and Ball answerable — Also one dozen Flints to be by him conveyed to the aforesaid Howard for the use of said Party while in said Service — to be accounted for by those who shall receive the same

Sent up for Concurrence

R. T. Paine Speaker pro. tem.

In Council June 28, 1777

Read & Concurred.

Jn° Avery Dpy Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	Moses Gill	Tim° Danielson
A. Ward	B. White	Tim° Edwards
W. Spooner	H. Gardner	N. Cushing.
Jedidiah Preble	Benj. Austin	I. Palmer
R. Derby,	Danl Davis	S. Holten.
Jabez Fisher	John Taylor	

Pownalborough June 28th 1777

Sir/

When the Petition of the Church People of this Town comes under Consideration of the hon. Court I should esteem it as a favor if the Enclosed answer could be laid before the Court at the same time. Your Hon^r upon reading it will see how this poor People have been imposed upon. Your favor in the matter will greatly oblige

Your Most H^ble Servt

Chas. Cushing

To The Honble James Warren Esqr

The deposition of John Savage of lawful age who testifieth and saith that some time in the month of May 1776 Ichabod Jones arived in Boston with two sloops loaded with boards which boards were landed in Boston & were delivered to Joseph Goldthwait barrack master to the troops then in Boston one of s^d Sloops was commanded by Nathaniel Horton & both owned by s^d Jones in part or in whole: S^d Jones received provisions of s^d Goldthwait

John Savage

State of Mass^a Bay Suffolk Co. Augt 1776 then John Savage appeared before me & after being duly caution'd to

testify the whole truth made oath to the truth of the aforegoing deposition by him subscribed taken at the request of James Noble Shannon to be used at the tryal of the Sloop Polly which is to be had at a court maritime to be held at Pownalborough on Monday the ninth day of Septem^{r} next on the libel of James Tupper wherein the said Ja^{s} Noble Shannon is claimant. The s^{d} John Savage living more than thirty miles from the place of tryal is the reason of this caption & there not appearing any adverse party at the time of caption, none was notified — Taken before me —

Justice peace

Endr^{sed}

They say the design of Jones in going into Boston was only to bring out his son & family — Now Quere if he had no design to supply the Enemy, why did he not unload his Vessell at Salem & then go in with his Vessell light Horton was at Salem & yet did not unload there but cary'd his boards with him to Boston.

Actions are the only way of knowing a mans design

No Provisions were much plentier & cheaper at Salem than they were at Boston

They were in great want of provisions in Boston, or why did they prohibit any from being carried out.

They who did not say as Jones would have them, he would not let them have any provisions They justify Jones's conduct, because he was suffered to go on so long as he did.

it is notorious to all, that no Vessell could be allowed to go into the harbour of Boston (or even within a certain distance of it), by the Port Bill (so called) except those who carried supplies for the Army & Navy. Jones had gone in & carried boards divers times, & he could not have gone in without a permit from the Admiral; if he had, he would have been taken as a prize by them & they made use of every opportunity, to take prizes they could.

Quere How does Haynes know, he borrowed £200

Ask Haines if he never heard Capt Jones express his fears of being taken by the people should he go on shore anywhere between Boston & Machias.

To Timothy Langdon Esqr

The deposition of John Savage taken at the request of J Noble Shannon to be used at a court maritime — whereof Tim^{o} Langdon Esqr is Judged to be — held at Pownalborough in the ninth day of Sepr A. D. 1776 in the tryal of the Sloop Polly on the libel of Wm. Tupper wherein the s^{d} Ja. Noble Shannon is claimant; Taken sealed up & delivered to the s^{d} James Noble Shannon by me —

Joseph Greenleaf Justice peace

York ss At the superior Court held at York for the County of York on the fourth Tuesday of June A D 1777

James Noble Shannon et alap^{ts} v Ichabod Jones aplee This appeal is dismist, it appearing upon the Record that the Capture was made in July A D 1775 and that no appeal lyeth —

Jonas Farnsworth et al ap^{ts} v Same aplee This appeal is also dismist for the Reason above mentioned —

Att Sam Winthrop Cler

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives in the Genl Court Assembled 2nd Tuesday of July A. D. 1777 If then Setting

May Please Your Honors

The following is an answer of the Inhabitants of the West Precinct in Pownalboro to a Petition of certain persons call-

ing themselves members of the Episcopal Church & Inhabitants of said West Precinct & Adjacent —

In order to give the Honble Court a full understanding of the matter said West Precinct beg leave to represent in the following manner viz: The Petitioners have not Served said Precinct with an Attested Copy of their Petition & the order of Court thereon, agreeable to the orders of the Genl Court: so that the Precinct are under great disadvantage in making answer, as it is doubtful whether the Paper delivered be a true Copy & of Course might have been indulged with a Continuance until Such a Copy should be obtain^d: If the case was of that importance to require it. However according to the Copy we have, Said Petitioners say, they are members of the Episcopal Church: that great part of them are French & Dutch Germans Protestants & came into America upon the Incouragement given by the Massachusetts Government, that they should enjoy their religious Priviledges." they further say, "that for twenty years last Past they have enjoyed these priviledges" In answer thereto we say, that we agree with them that great part of them are French & Dutch German Protestants, whose Principles of Religion, as they, say, when in Germany were either according to Calvin or Luther some of one & some of the other. The Calvinists ever since they have resided in this Town have Universally protested against the Church of England & in opposition thereto have been zealous in promoting the Cause of the Congregationalists. It is not long since they, as well as several of the Lutherans, Subscribed towards the Building a Meeting House to the Utmost of their abilities and appeared very desirous of having a gosple Minister Settled among us — These are undeniable Facts. And there is no doubt but that they would now join with the Congregationalists, if they had not been grossly imposed upon & deceived by the Craft & Cunning by the Falsehoods

& Misrepresentations of Major Goodwin & the pious Mr. Bailey, who have taken great pains to perswade the good People of this Precinct to renounce the pure & undefiled Religion & instead therof to embrace Episcopacy & they further say in their Petition that they had the faith of the Government that they should enjoy the same unmolested & they further say they have enjoy[d] the same for this twenty years last past (excepting the year past) If so, the plain Inference is that they are no Churchmen, at least of very late date — The others were mostly persons who removed from the Western Parts down here & were brought up in the Congregational Way (excepting a few some of whom were Roman Catholicks) & never have made any renunciation of their Principles, but only attended church occasionally as that was the only Public worship here at that time & without any expence as the Itenerant Missionary thought it not expedient to demand anything of them — so that it may be Justly said, that there was a church here without Scarcely a professed member of the Church of England. It is well known how this has been brought about so far. Doctor Silvester Gardiner, a person Zealous for Episcopacy had the Principal hand in forming this Settlement. he with his Agents & Tools encouraged the People that they should have a minister Supported without any expence to them, provided they would Petition for a Minister (Several understanding it to be a Congregational Minister) Accordingly a Petition was drawn up directed to the Society & great promises were made them if they would sign. That they should have Lands for Settling should have a Parsonage Lot given them & a House for Public Worship built by Subscription (& persons when they came to the Doctor for Settlements here, he used to insist on their subscribing something for that purpose) In such a way & manner a Petition was obtained — There was a Clause in the Petition which

some of the Signers say was inserted after they sign'd it, at least which never was read to them: which was Binding themselves to Pay the Missionary at least Twenty Pounds Sterling per Annum — The same Petitioners, several years afterwards, found it out & a great number of them were in great rage about the matter — went in a Body to the Missionary about it & insisted upon his giving them discharges which he accordingly did & promised so to do otherwise it was thought he would have been obliged to leave this place. The People also expected this Parsonage Land & house of Publick worship would have been given to the Parish to be at their disposal, as in other Parishes — however, the grant of the Land was a long time delay[d] for reasons unknown to the People — all which time the Doctor was Planing & Contriving how to fix the grant in the Church — a great discord happened on this occasion amongst the Principal Gentlemen of the Plymouth Company & finally the Doctor took the advantage of the other gentlemen of the Company, attended one of their meetings exactly at the hour the meeting was adjourn[d] to with a design to make this grant — he had all ready Cut & dried & only he & M[r] Hallowell dec[d] Voted the land away as they did & a Record was made of it in an Instant — Immediately upon it one of the principal Gentlemen of the Company came in & finding what had been done he reproved the Doctor Severely for his Conduct — This grant of the Parsonage Lott was made upon the Petition of Parson Bailey, his Warden & Vestry, seting forth the want both of a Church & Parsonage House & that they had already provided materials for both of those buildings: but finding no grant of the Parsonfield lot, they Pray'd the Company that the lot might be granted for those purposes in such a manner as to be unreliable — adding further for there are too many instances in this Country where the Piety of our Forefathers has been greatly abused

by converting the lands which had been given them for Pious Uses to other occasions" When the Parson &c signed this Petition there was not one article provided for either of these buildings, by this artifice the Doctor intended to get the land unalianably fixed in the Church, but it did not altogether answer his purpose, without the other measures used as aforementioned — we mention this because they tried to carry this Point by deceiving the Plymouth Company with this False Petition. So this same Church, not forgeting their old Tricks are now imposing Falsehoods upon this hon^ble^ Court — by such artifice it is that this Church is upheld & what may be relied on as the grand difficulty — they are afraid that if they are obliged to Pay Taxes, as well as the Congregationalists, there will be no special advantage in being Churchmen, & of Course will leave the Church — more especially, as they entertain a Very Contemptable opinion of the Missionery & finally this whore of Babilon must Fall to the ground. This Church being founded here by such arbritary conduct & upheld by such Falshood & some of the pretended members have been Roman Catholicks & never have renounced that religion, we think fully authorised our morde of expression — We further observe, that their Petition Contains so many falshoods & Contradictions, that upon a due attention to the Contents thereof It must be adjudged to Carry its own Confutation with it. They say the Law upon which church People are Taxed "was designed to prevent person from pretending to be of a religion, they were not of, merely to get rid of paying Taxes" Let the design of the Law be what it will. It is very evident that the design of the Petitioners is to be freed from every obligation of paying their minister one farthing & we apprehend they are the very persons on whom this Law was especially intended to be binding according to their own sense of it. They say, tho' the money by Law is to be

paid to our Pastor "whom we support" & who will we make no doubt return it to us again" by which they say that they support their Pastor — If so where is the need of his returning it to them again — why don't it go towards his support? Is it because the money is raised agreeable to the Laws of this State? It is difficult to conceive of any other reason. Sure it can't be more than their Pastor stands in absolute need of — for about the time of their Petition, the said Pastor was obliged, or somebody for him, to beg the assistance of Friends in Boston towards his support & certainly their Taxes don't amount to half what was promised the Society should be paid him — from which it is Very evident, that it is not against their Consciences to Pay Taxes for his support. If so, what becomes of their Cry about persecution — their mighty harangue about the Right of Private Judgement, Cloak'd under a Show of Serious Words & Sanctified by the glorious Liberty now contended for — must not this Argue their grand Stupidity & wickedness in trying thus to impose upon the Honble Court. Nothing can appear more plain than that it is no infringement of any religious Principle which they pretend to hold — neither can it be an infringement of the Civil Rights of Episcopalians, any more than of the Congregationalists. This Tax being agreeable to a Law which was made by the representatives of both. It may be remarked here of these Episcopalians that their arguments for Liberty do not proceed from real principle, for Mr. Bailey, their minister, has, during the present contest with Great Britain, discoverd himself, in his publick Preaching, as well as in his private Conversation, to be a person evilly disposed to the States of America and dangerous to the publick Peace & Safety — he has been declared by the Committee of Corespondence &c to be an inveterate & dangerous Enemy: and yet his hearers have openly & publickly endeavoured to Justify and support him

in his wicked Conduct — and besides, they have generally appear'd backward in doing any Thing to Support the war — Two of them who were appointed agreeable to an Act of this State to reinforce the Continental Army, refused to go: or to pay a fine, & indeed refused to take up Arms against Great Britain. They have constantly made it their practice to propagate such news (however false) as appear'd to be unfavorable to the American Cause, thereby discouraging people from inlisting into the Army, and from supporting our Independence. The proclamations from the Continental Congress & from this State for days of Fasting & Prayer, have been, by Minister & People treated with the greatest Contempt. They have been Called Dirty Papers, & have been Neglected to be read in Churches according to order. The General Court of this State have been called Knaves & Fools. Their authority has been denied & trampled upon — Their Commissions to Civil officers have been called no better than pieces of Blank paper — and the officers themselves threatned for doing their Duty by Virtue of their Commissions — and yet these very Persons absurdly petition the authority which they deny, for favors which they, by their Conduct have rendered themselves undeserving of — And if their Petition is granted it must be supposed That Converts will be made to this Church, and consequently That the Enemies of the United States will be increased —

It seems the Petitioners have the Face not only to charge this Precinct with taking every advantage under Colour of Law to drive them to the last extremitys — but also to charge the Government with breach of faith towards these Germans — The only reason they assign for this high charge is their being Taxed agreeable to Law & that for the Support of that Religion which they pretend to possess & which they seem willing to support — The most of them understood but little about their Petition, we have the

charity to think but some others who are designing & have but little regard to honor or honesty think it no crime thus liberally to deal out their charges. We the better bear up under it as we have the honor of sharing with the Government in the charge.

They represent that the Collectors have taken every advantage &c. This is so far from the Truth that it is astonishing beyond expression, while persons are pretending to aim at the rights of Conscience, that they can so far give up every pretence to Truth, as to sign so glaring a Falshood. The Truth of the matter is, In March 1776, This Precinct, at a Legal Meeting, Voted the sum of £30 to hire preaching about nine pounds of which would be the Proportion of those who cloak themselves under the church. In July afterwards, the assessors made the Tax & gave the same to the Collectors with Warrants to Collect the same & Pay it into the Treasury by the 5th of October the next. The Collectors gave warning to the People soon afterwards to Pay their Taxes. The Church People, some of them, desired time to Consider of the Matter, pretending the Precinct had no right by Law to Tax them. The Matter rested in this manner, until the last of February then following, in the meantime, The Collectors were earnest with them, that they should pay their taxes without any difficulty, after all this patience & forbearance of the Collectors, they said they would not Pay without being distrained upon. The Collectors just as their year was expiring, thought it expedient to distrain. Accordingly the first distress, was taken the last of the same February being a small Bull, about one year & nine months old which was sold at a Publick Vendue duly notified to the highest bidder for 36/ being the full Value of the Creature. The next Distress was sold on the 10th of March at a Vendue duly notified viz: a sheep for 23/6 being a third more than the common price. at the same

Vendue another distress viz: a Sow was sold for 17/6 being the full Value, She was poor weight about 68^{lbs}. these were all the distresses that were sold & two of these were taken from persons that pretend to Understand all Law & were principally advising & directing all the rest & If any advantage was taken of the Ignorance of the Germans who did not understand the English Language, It was those of their own party — and that they did encourage them to stand out & make the opposition they did, they cannot with truth deny. They said every thing almost to make these Germans believe that we tax'd them without Law. Nay it was said there was a letter from a church Minister here, in April last, somewhat in these words viz. "It is agreed on all Sides that they have not the least Colour of Law to Countenance their proceedings." This was spoken with regard to our taxing the Church People. In consequence of this it was said here that this was the opinion of all the Lawyers in Boston This Shews what pains have been taken to deceive these Germans by their own party.

They further represent that this money was Voted by the minority of the Parish. It is Plain from this that their intent was to deceive the Honble Court. They don't pretend but what it was done at a legal meeting. They intend to represent us but Very few in Comparison with them — as their part of the Whole Tax is but about £9 it is evident they bear no proportion, Compar'd with us as to Numbers — We have taken notice of many things which may appear to be of little consequence. We have done it the rather to Vindicate ourselves from the Wicked & false Aspersions, which they have endeavoured to throw upon us & might opperate to our prejudice where the persons & the characters of those that have thus endeavoured to Slander us, were not known.

We would Observe further, that the Petitioners say they

have Constantly attended Publick Worship according to the "right of the Church of England" (so it stands in the paper deliver'd us viz. right) what they mean by that we can't tell. If they intend by it, staying at Home, their Petition is so far true — we are very sure that some of them very rarely, if ever, attend Church.

Some of the Petitioners have not all along pretended to be Churchmen as they set forth — one of them in particular attended our Precinct meeting the second year & was chosen Collector & accepted the office & did not even pretend to be a Churchman & almost all these Germans declared they were not Churchmen until they were afraid of paying Taxes — Their sole Aim is to endeavour to prevent our enjoying the Congregational Worship here, Imagining if they can get their Petition answered they can gain more proselites (as there are many that care but little about religion) by being exempted from Taxes, than we can by arguments deduced from Religion & Virtue — Another of these Petitioners said last spring that he was no Churchman & that Parson Bailey should not have his rates & agreed to pay the Collector for the use of the Congregational Minister & afterwards was induced to sign with them upon being promised to have his rates return'd to him again — and three of those Germans who signed the Petition very lately declared, that they, as well as the other Germans, only went to church to have their Taxes, and one of them said, if they were obliged to pay Taxes none of them would go to church & when we hir'd a preacher in 1775, by subscription it is well known that several pretended Churchmen attended Worship with us pretty constantly & seldom attended at church, & it cannot be doubted but that if under the cloak of the church they could be excused from paying taxes, they would now generally attend with us.

From their own Shewing they ought to pay Taxes & for a

further confirmation if they will produce a copy of their Petition to the Society, it will appear that the Missionary has a right to Twenty pounds Sterling p. an. at least from them as before mentioned.

Wherefore for the reasons aforesaid viz: Because this Petition is founded upon Falsehood & Misrepresentation Because five of the Petitioners are not Inhabitants of this Precinct & never were taxed, and the greater Part of the People of this Precinct who signed that Petition are not conscienciously churchmen, but only profess themselves such, to avoid paying Taxes towards the support of the gospel. Because they are taxed for their own Benefit by force of a Law made at the Request of the professed Members of the church of England.

Because the granting their Petition will have a tendency to encourage People to go over to the Church to Save their Taxes, or at least to procure a Certificate from the pious Mr Bailey & his Wardens to Screen them therefore (which we think, any man might procure even tho' he never Saw the Inside of a church) and because the granting their Petition will infallibly prevent the Settlement of a Gospel Minister in this Precinct, and involve us in many & Very great Difficulties, and for many other Weighty Reasons we might assign, We humbly intreat Your Honors, That the Petition of those pretended Churchmen may not be granted

By order of the said Precinct

Chas Cushing Precinct Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the West Precinct in Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln held at the Court House in said Precinct on Friday the 27th day of June A. D. 1777

Voted that an answer like unto the foregoing Sign'd by the Clerk of said Precinct be presented to the General Court

as the answer of this Precinct to a Petition of the Church People aforementioned.

Chas. Cushing Precinct Cler.

To the Honorable the Council and Assembly of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of Stephen Smith of Machias Sheweth

That a Number of the Inhabitants of Machias being gone to St. Johns to Secure that Important Post (for the Benefit of the United States and as a Barrier to the Eastern Settlements) have left their families almost destitute of the article of Bread which is not to be had there at present at any rate — And Your Memorialist minded to promote the common Cause and Oblige his Neighbors has Endeavoured to procure a Quantity of Corn for them in the Country, which he cannot do at any reasonable Price without hard money.

He Therefore Prays That Your Honors would Please to take the Suffering Condition of those distressed familys into Your Wise Consideration and Send two or three Hundred bushels of Corn down which may be obtained by those who May Incline to tarry in the Present Expedition and for those who are not yet Engaged but may be willing to go if their families can have bread the while — Or Give Liberty to Your Memorialist to Purchase out of the Stores and pay for a Quantity for that purpose — Or otherwise Provide for their relief as Your Honors, in wisdom shall See fit.

And Your Memorialist as in duty bound shall Ever Pray

Boston July 3rd 1777 Stephen Smith.

To the Honorable Council & Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Memorial of Stephen Smith Sheweth

That there is Great need of Sundry articles to Supply the Publick Store at Machias for the Indian traid, which are not to be had in the Publick Stores in this place, and if Purchased from Private Stores at this time it might be done under Great disadvantage as the Necessaries wanted are held at a Much Higher price here than they were Sold at there, and it will be next to Impossible to Convince the Savages of the Justice or Propriety of such sudden alteration of Prices nor may it be Politick perhaps to let them know the true reason — So that there might be a loss in those articles or a loss of the traid in some measure for want of them — and as Your Memorialist is desirous of promoting the Publick credit of the State which has seen fit to Employ him in that Branch of Business and at the same time to support his character among those people he Judges it Incumbent on him to give Your Honors every Intelligence of this Nature.

And Prays that you will please to take this Matter under your wise Consideration and either grant a Supply of those articles under the apparent disadvantages or Order Your Memorialist to Supply them in such manner as not to Suffer private loss or Give such other orders in the affair as in Wisdom you shall see Meet.

And Your Memorialist as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Boston July 4th 1777 Stephen Smith

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives July 5, 1777 on the petition of Stephen Smith praying for a quantity of corn for the use of the people of Machias.

Resolved That the Board of War be and they hereby are order'd to deliver to the said Stephen Smith two hundred

bushels of Corn. **A** he giving his Receipt to be accountable for the payment of the same **B** and Engaging to deliver it to the Families of such Persons as have gone or shall go to St. Johns as Soldiers in the Service of this State whom he shall judge is most in need of the same at the cost & necessary charge of it.

Sent up for Concurrence

R. T. Paine Spk^r pro tem.

In Council July 5, 1777

Read & Concurred with an amendment at **A. B.** Viz^t dele from **A** to **B** & insert he paying for the same.

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dpy Secy

In the House of Representatives July 5, 1777.

Read & Concurr'd

R. T. Paine Spk^r p. t.

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Jedidiah Preble	T. Cushing	John Taylor
H. Gardner	Benj. Austin	Moses Gill
D. Hopkins	Tim^o Danielson	Tim^o Edwards
N. Cushing	Oliver Prescott	I. Palmer

Vassalborough July 6th 1777

To The Honorable the Councill of the State of Massachusetts Bay,

Gent^n I beg leave to assure you that I shall ever remember with the Greatest Gratitude the Honor of my Appointment to the Command of the Fourth Company in the Fifth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln. Stimulated with an Ardent Love to the Cause of my Country, from the principles of Duty, Justice, and Affection, I have, with a

Cheerfull Obedience, executed all Orders from my Superiors, and Endeavor'd to keep the People of the Town United, & from going into any rash Measures, but my design has been Frustrated I conceive, by the Influence of a Certain Man who has made Strong Opposition against me, & as I have been Informed, declared that he would Accept of the Office, were it for no other Reason than to keep me out, but failing of his Intentions, not being the Choice of the Town, there then followed a Petition against me, which failed for want of a Sufficient number of Signers, after which a Combination was agreed upon, not to Obey any Orders that should come from me, as I have been informed. Under these peculiar Embarrassments, Where Strife and Party prevails, no Man can with pleasure or Satisfaction execute the Dutys of his Office. For the above Reasons, I beg leave to make a Resignation of my Commission, at the same Time assurring your Honors that I Possess the Warmest Attachments to the Cause of my Country.

I am with due Defference your Honors most Obliged Humble Servant

Denes Getchell

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives July 7, 1777.

Whereas it appears to this Court that the Board of War have not in their Possession all the necessary Articles with which they are order'd to supply Stephen Smith, Truckmaster, at Machias for the Indians in our Interest — & is being probable that the s^d^ Smith might supply himself with the deficient articles if he was furnished with money therefor.

Resolved that the Board of War be & they hereby are impowered & directed to furnish the s^d^ Smith with what

money they judge necessary for the purposes afores[d] taking his Rec[t] to be accountable for the same.

Sent up for Concurrence

R. T. Paine Spk[r] pro tem.

In Council July 7, 1777

Read & Concurr'd

Jn[o] Avery Dpy. Secy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	T. Cushing	John Whitcomb
N. Cushing	A. Ward	I. Palmer
H. Gardner	Benj. Austin	Jedidiah Preble
Moses Gill	Jabez Fisher	F. M. Dana
D. Hopkins	Tim[o] Danielson	Tim[o] Edwards.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council chamber July 9, 1777

Ordered, That Mr Stephen Smith of Machais, deliver the Public Stores (put into his hands for the expedition to St. John's River) to such persons & in such proportions as the Commanding Officer in that Department may Order excepting the following Order for the supply of private persons

Also Ordered, that said Smith supply those persons who have advanced of their private Stores, to the forces gone & going upon said Expedition, like quantitys of Stores of the same kinds, so that they may not be Sufferers by their zeal for the public good

And also Ordered, That he, said Smith, render very exact accounts of the disposal of all the public Stores put into his hands, so as to prevent that confusion which must arise from a want of regularity in Accounts

Read & Accepted

Jn[o] Avery Dpy Secy.

Petition of Capt Saml. Whitmore, 1777.

To the Hon Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled the pertion of Samuel Whitmore of Gorham in the County of Cumberland Humbly Sheweth, That soon after the Conflagration at falmouth, viz on the Sixth day of Novr 1775, that a Detachment belonging to the town of Gorham Drafted from a Regiment of Militia, of Which the Hon^{b} Enoch freeman Esq was Colonel, by order of Mayor Noys, workt on the Bateries at falmouth afores^{d} under the Command of the Hon^{l} James Sulivin Esq. who was then appointed by the County Commitee to oversee said work, to whom your petitioner made a return of the above Said Militia. The above Said Militia Did with the greatest zeal and Readiness assist Towards Building the Bateries afores^{d} for the Defense of the Countery Expecting that after Matters were a Little Settled that they Should be rewarded for there Service, but it being Deferd they Grow Impatient, Therefore your petitioner Doth pray your Hon^{s} to take this matter into your wise consideration, and in your great Wisdom Direct to such Measuers as May give a Reasonable Satisfaction to the above said Militia and promote the peace and happiness of this Town your pertioner Doth further Shew, That here with is Enclosed The Lists of the Names of the Men their Ranks and time of Service who work^{t} on the above s^{d} Bateries and that the above Said Militia Did find themselves in provision while in Said Service.—
your pertioner as Bound in Duty Will Ever pray —

Samuel Whitmore Capt

Dated at Gorham July the 9 day 1777

Falmouth July ye 19 — 1777

Honored Gentlemen these few Lines Comes to inform your honnours that I am Very Sorry that you Did not inform me

upon What tearms those People Came on Which Shipt With Mr. Gray Which has Deprived me of Getting other Good men as they ware by your orders to Go on board of Capt Hayanes if they Pleased and as they being offered more Wages by him Went on board five of them but two is Returned back again. I am Ready to Sail for Wiscasset but the Second Mate is Very uneasy About his Wages Which Was do to him and Was Promised to be sent Down by Mr frost as he Sayes and he is Determened Not Go No further unles Promis that they Will be Paid to him as fur as your Honnours told him Which I Must Do if not the most of the People Will Leave & Detain the Ship. I Should be Glad that those Articles Which I roat for (When I was up Would be Sent Down as Soon as Possable Nothing More at Present but I Remain Your H^m^ S^vt^

Joseph Proctor.

This is to notify the Inhabitants of Penobscot River that they are desired to meet at the Dwelling House of Col^l^ Jonathan Buck on Tuesday the 22^d^ day of July in order to consult on several Important affairs that may attend the Peace and Well being of the Inhabitants of said River; also the Inhabitants of Belfast & Maj^r^ Biguaduce are desired to meet at said House In order to Joyn said Inhabitants of Penobscut River —

Penobscut July ye 14th 1777

Saml Kidder
James Budge
Thomas Campbell
Robt M^c^Curdy
Ephriam Grant
John Brewer

} Committee of Safety for the First District in Penobscot

The Principle Inhabitants of Penobscot and Belfast accordingly meet at Col° Jonathan Buck the 22d day of July by Virtue of the above Notification and first Voted Col° Jonathan Buck Moderator and 2dly John Patridge Clerk and 3dly after Several debates upon the Legality of the Notification Voted Unanimously to proceed on the articles as follows 4thly Voted Dissatisfied as to the Conduct of the proceedings of Col. Josiah Brewer and Lieut Col: Jonathan Lowder and Lieut Andrew Gilman and Ensign Jeremiah Coburn as to the Troublesome affair concerning the false Indian alarm &c — 5th Voted that the facts relating the Indian affairs as above that can be proved be sent to the Hon. the Court by a man chose for that purpose — 6thly Voted to chuse one man for each district out of each Committee of Safety to be a Committee to serch & enquire into all affairs that might tend to the Hurt of the State & Common Wealth in these parts —

7thly Voted Capt John Mitchel for the Town of Belfast —

8thly Voted Capt Benja Shute for the Town of Frankfort —

9thly Voted Mr Benja Wheeler for Wheelersboro Township

10thly Voted Capt Robert McCurdy for the upper Township on the east Side of Penobscot River

11thly Voted Colonel Jonathan Buck for the 2d district and Township N° 1 —

12thly Voted Mr John Partridge for the second District & Township N° 2

13thly Voted Mr James McCurdy to represent all causes that might appear before the Committee to the General Court.

And lastly the Committee appointed to meet on the 5th day of August 20 miles up Penobscot River at a place called Condeskeg and at the Dwelling House of Capt Jedidiah Preble and accordingly said Committee met this 5th of August and the Clerk opened the Meeting and first chose Col° Jonathan Buck Chairman of the Committee and then the chairman Summoned a number of Evidences concerning

the false Alarms &c for which we do refer Your Honor's to the Papers we Send by Mr James McCurdy

Penobscot July 26th 1777

Jna Buck Chairman
John Partridge Clerk

To the Honrble Council and House of Representatives In the State of Massachusetts Bay

A true Copy Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy.

Port of Machias July 22, 1777 A return of Vessels Entered Registered and Cleared out.

Masters Names	Vessels Named	Where Entred and Wherefrom	When Registered	When Cleared out & Wherefore
Joel Whitney	Sloop three Frinds	July 22d From Boston		July 22 Coast in clearance for one year
Elisha Meserve	Sloop Speedwell	July 23d From Salem		July 23 for Sandwich
Ralph Hacock	Boat Lucy		July 25th	July 25 Fishing Certificate
Jonathan Haiens	Schooner Polly	August 2d Newbury Port		August 9th For Newbury Port
Jonathan Haines	Sloop Polly		August 9th	August 9th For Newbury Port
John Long	Sloop Hope	August 11th from Nantucket		
James Holiday	Brigenteen Necessity	August 24 from Bermuda		August 25th For Barmuda
James Littlefield	Sloop Friendship	August 24 from Passamaquoddy	August 30th	Septemr 6 for Santa Statia
David Mitchell	Schooner Lively	August 24 from Passamaquoddy	September 16th	Septemr 17 for Martenico
Ladwick Holway	Schooner Neptune	Septemr 7 from Portsmouth		
Barnabas Swain.	Sloop London		September 29th	September 30th Ocoys

Stephen Smith Naval Officer

Machias August 1, 1777.

These

May Inform Your Hon^{rs} That Capt. Gooch is Now arrived here and has Deliver'd Your Letters &c the articles he bought was much Needed.

In Great Hast as the Bearer is waiting

your Humble Servant

Stephen Smith

Machias 4th August 1777

May it please your Honor's

agreeable to your Honor's orders, I Called the 9th Company in this Regiment togeather to choose their officers, after proceeding with the greatest Harmony they made choice of the following Gentlemen vizt

Stephen Smith — Captain Amos Boyington first Lieut Daniel Stone 2^{d} Lieut

This will be delivered you by Major Shaw who was present by him you will be pleased to send the Commissions — I hope we shall have no further occasion to trouble your Honors with any uneasiness arising in this Company, and Remain with much Esteem —

Your Honor's Most Hum^{b} Ser^{vt}

Benj^{a} Foster Col^{o}

Com^{s} made out

In Council Sept 22nd 1777 Read & Ordered that Said Officers be commissioned agreeable to their respective Ranks

Jno Avery Dpy Secy.

To The Honble the Council of Massachusetts State.

The Honble The Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay Setting at Boston August the 4th 1777.

The Petition of Benj^{a} Patch of a new Township lying in

the Eastern part of this State known by the name of Otisfield Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner lived in the town of Groton about eight years — that in August 1775 went from Groton to Harvard & lived there the Greatest part of the time til may 1776: then removed to Otisfield afores^{d} & there have lived ever since — That he there belongs to the military Company under the Command of Josiah Dingley Capt in Col. Pike's Regm^{t} & is called upon & liable to Do Duty there —

Your Petitioner Begs leave further to represent to your Hon^{rs} that he left Otisfield the latter end of June last & Came to Groton afores^{d} and from Groton went to Harvard to see his sister & there went to work with his Brother-in-law to procure some cloath for Shirting as the only Remedy he had to Git the same — that on the 27th Day of July last the militia officer of Harvard Draughted him & ordered him to march agreeable to the late order of Council — upon his refusing to March ordered a Sergeant & file officer to take him & thereby compelled him to March — Your Petitioner thinks himself very much injured by their Conduct & thereby prevented returning home & he therefore Earnestly prays your Hon^{rs} Interposition & that you would Give him a Discharge that he may immediately return home & be ready to join his own Company for the Defence of that part of this State.

& in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray Benj^{a} Patch

In Council Augt 5, 1777. Read & Committed to Oliver Prescott and Abr^{m} Fuller Esq^{rs} to consider the Same & report what is best to be done there

Jno Avery Dpy Secy

In Council Aug 5, 1777

The Com^{tee} having fully heard the parties & reported the Facts & the Council thereupon Ordered that the Prayer of

the said Petition be granted & that the Petitioner be and he hereby is Discharged from the late Draught by order of Council & he be permitted to return to Otisfield the Place of his Residence immediately.

To the Honble the Council and the Honble the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts in the general Assembly convened.

Humbly Shew Joanna Moulton, and Nicholas Sewall Administrators of the Estate of Brigadier Jotham Moulton late of York in the County of York Esqr deceased Intestate, That some time since their said Intestate for a Valuable Consideration Bargained & Sold to Capt Esayas Prebble of York aforesaid, a Tract of Land in said York and the said Intestate by a memorandum in Writing by him Subscribed promised to Execute a deed of the said Land, and In consequence of the said agreement the said Prebble entered into and improved the said Land, But so it is that the Intestate died — suddenly before a Deed was made and Executed — The said Admin^{rs} further Represent that another agreement some thing similar with the former was made between the s^{d} Intestate and one Joseph Shaw of s^{d} York for about Ten Acres of Salt Marsh, and said Shaw paid the full Sum agreed upon near three years past and has ever since improved the Marsh a mem^{o} in Writing was made and Subscribed by the Intestate and delv^{d} the said Shaw but the said Intestate did not Execute a Deed to said Shaw, altho one was Wrote by his Desire. And as it is not in the power of the Petitioner to Comply with all the Intestates agreements by making a Conveyance of the said Lands, without the aid of this Hon^{o} Court. Wherefore they pray that they may be Enabled in their said Capacity to make and Execute Deeds of said Lands as fully as the Intestate could were he now in full

Life and the Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray &c

Aug. 6, 1777 Joanna Moulton

Nicolas Sewall

Jed^h Preble's Deposition.

The Deposition of Jedidiah Preble of Penobscott in the County of Lincoln, Testifieth & saith that he was at Watertown last fall, where he saw one Jeremiah Coburn of this place, who told the Deponent, that he had talked with some of the Representatives of the State Massachusetts Bay & said he made no doubt, but that in Case I would Join him in a petition to them, he could get a guard of thirty men, which would be stationed on this River & I reply'd, I was willing to do any thing that was for the benefit of the inhabitants of this place & I desired to know his Plan, & where the advantage would lay. He told me (as near as I can remember) that he made no doubt, that in case a Guard was granted by the General Court he should have orders to inlist the men at the westward, & bring them into this River. I replied, I thought, that might answer, as we should be thirty Men stronger, & those men would be always in readiness, & well equipped to march to our assistance on any alarm. He then went & consulted my Hon^rd Father & told him the plan &c. (Upon which as he told me) my Father said the plan as he thought was very good, & added, He would use his interest to have the Men granted, as he thought, he had as good a right to a guard being a frontier settlement, equal to other towns to the westward. Upon which I signed a Petition & returned to Penobscot. The next News I heard was, The Guard was granted, & committed to the care of Col° Josiah Brewer, who declared to me, He gave Ens^n Coburn strict order to Inlist the Men out of the River if possible, to which

Mr Coburn answered, He intended to call at Kenebeck & inlist what men he could there & from thence Home. But as I have been informed since, he never offered to inlist a man until he came up this River. He made the best of his Way to the head of the Tide of this River, & there notified the inhabitants That He had listing orders, & a number of the inhabitants came to be informed of the conditions, & He told them in my hearing, they were to be stationed on this River, to guard the inhabitants, & to go in scouting parties to reconoiture the Woods & streams for some distance back, to prevent the approach of an enemy, & They ask'd him how long a time they were to Inlist for, He told them for no certain time, but there was no manner of doubt, but they might be discharged, whenever they pleased, & gave them encouragement he would discharge any one that might want to be discharged in Two or three months, or in the Spring at furthest, on which they readily inlisted; he then set a guard of one or two men to guard the stores, & the remainder went about their own business, & never did any other duty for Three or Four months, except building a house for Col° Lowder on his land, for a Truck house No scouting parties were sent out, as was expected by the Inhabitants.

The next thing we hear Lt Gillman goes to Old town & comes back, & informs Col° Lowder, that there were two or three Indians come in from the borders of Canada, & that they brought news. There was a Number of Regulars, French & Indians, commanded by one Lonier, which were designed to come on the Heads of these eastern rivers: on which news Col° Lowder consulted Col° Brewer, & they immediately sent expresses to the officers of the Regiments which was communicated to the Eastern settlements, which gave them a General alarm, & Had it not been for the Indefatigable industry of Mr James McCurdy It is my opinion that a great part of the Inhabitants on the lower part of this

River would have fled. The Deponent further saith, That he was sometime in July last at the Guard House about sunset, & there came two Indians of Penobscot Tribe in a great hurry, which told Col° Lowder they had Great News viz — That the night before, the Canady Indians had like to have taken their Town, & they could but Just keep it, & that They were obliged to keep out three sentrys at different ports, & that they saw about fifty Indians that night, & fired at them three times & that they now came in to acquaint the Guard & get a supply of Powder & balls to fight them: and one of them added, He must return that night to Old Town (it being then after sunset) or he should expect to find his Family knocked on the Head. He was immediately dispatched with Six pound of Powder, & half the Balls in the Guard House, (as I was told) & went off. The Guard was all ordered to repair to the Guard House, & I heard Col° Jon^a Lowder say, the Fort must be finished with all dispatch, & oxen must be had, if he was obliged to press them. The next day one Jos^ae Airs & his oxen was engaged to haul pignetts, as he informed me, & the next day morning J. Airs appeared with his Oxen, as he had promised: but instead of employing him in hauling Pignetts, he was loaded with the State or Province Stores, & sent up to Ens^n Coburn's House, which is Five Miles above ye Truck House or Fort, & within six miles of the Indian Penobscot Old Town without any Guard whatsoever, & Col° Lowder who then commanded the Guard followed the Stores

The Deponant further saith, that he was Credibly informed Col° Lowder said, That if this alarm respecting the Indians, did not answer any other Good purpose, It would be the means of stopping Dam – d Petition of Wheelers.

Penobscot Aug^st 7th 1777 Jed. Preble

A true Copy

Attest Jn° Avery D^y Secy

Saml Curtis' Certificate.

Samuel Curtis Testifies & Says that he was about a quarter of a mile from the Centry about Six miles above Condesneg Falls near or about where Ensign Coburn's residence is, & about three Hours by Sun on Sunday Morning, I went toward the Centry & met Him & asked the Centry what was the matter the Centry answered he was fired upon by the Indians & appeared to be much affrighted then we both returned back to the House & that some Indians came there the Evening of that day & Lieutenant Gilman agreed with them to carry Him & his party over the River the next morning to go in Quest of those Indians that fired upon his Centry Whereupon the said Indians got their Breakfast & it was about three Hours by Sun in the morning & the Indians sent for Lieu^t Gilman & he did not come & they waited about a quarter of an Hour & He did not come yet & the Indians went of & left said Gilman & his party & the s^d Coburn the next night after the Centry was fired on ordered me to go with Him to Set the Centry & ordered me to play upon my Fife as we went to sett the Watch & He the said Coburn Carrying a Firebrand in his Hand to Light me along to where the Centry was to be sett & it being about nine o'clock at night when the watch was sett.— The above given before the Committee —

A true Copy Exam : John Partridge Clerk

August the 7th 1777

A true Copy

Attest Jno Avery D^y Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives August 11, 1777

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the County of York that all the monies

granted and allowed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County for the year 1777 were for such purposes and appropriations as the Law impowered said Court to Grant —

Therefore Resolved that Said Account be allowed —

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren Spk^{r}

In Council Aug 12, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy.

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	W. Spooner
Caleb Cushing	T. Cushing	John Whitcomb
S. Holten	Benj Austin	D. Sewall
D. Hopkins	Moses Gill	Jabez Fisher
I. Palmer	Josiah Stone	B. White.

To the Hon^{l} Committee of Inspection & Correspondence and Safety for ye District of Machias &

Sylvanas Scott of said Machias begs leave to lay before your Honours his Distressing Circumstances Namely the loss of your Petitioners house Barn &c — being situated at a Place called Indian River where a Fortification was Erected for ye Defence of ye River against ye attacks of ye Enemy who came up to ye said place last Sumer & there not being a Sufficient Number of Troops to Oppose ye Enemys Landing they Landed with great Fury Burnt & Destroyed your Petitioners Dwelling house Barn, English Hay & Household Furniture &c Agreeable to an Inventory hereunto Annexed — not having one Hours Notice could not save any thing but part of his Waring Apparell and some Beding with his Familly who gladly made his Escape all of which Losses reduces your Petitioner to ye greatest Distress Immaginable as having

a large Family to Support obliges him to seek charity of ye Publick leaving it to your Wise Consideration to point out some way wherein he can be Releaved and as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Silvanus Scott

Machias Augst 15th 1777

An Acct of Articles lost at Machias by Sylvanes Scott from date above viz

1 Dwelling House 42 feet & 28, 1 Barn 41 feet 27, 6 Tun English Hay, 4 Calfs 4 months old, 2 fatt Hogs, 20 Dunghill Fowles, 1 Sett Joynors Tools, 1 Sett House Carpenters D^{o}, 1 D^{o} Shoe Makers D^{o}, 1 Large Grind Stone & Iron Crank, 1 Sled Yoke & Chain, 2 Hay Forks & 1 Dung Fork, 1 Shod Shovel & Iron Shovel, 1 Spade & Hoe, 1 Iron frow & 2 Drawg. Knives, 1 Weavers Loom & Implements, 1 Sickel & Mose Skin dress'd, 1 Pr Snow Shoes 1 Grain Sieve, A Quantity of Iron Bound & other Casks, 1500 feet Square Timber, 2750 Shingles in Bundles, 1 Feather Bed, 4 Bed steads with Cords, 3 New Beds steads for sale, 2 Tabels 6 Bow back chairs, 12 Common Chairs, 1 Bottle Case, 1 20 Bottle Case, Large Quantity of dary Implements, 1 Pr And Irons 1 Iron Mortar, 1 Brass Kettle, a Quantity of Household Utensils, 2 Spinning Weels, a Quantity of Pewter & Crockery Ware, ½ Barrel Soap, 1 Barr^{l} Pickel fish, 1 Horn Lanthorn, 1 Flax Coomb, 1 Flock Bed, 4^{lb} Cotton Wool, 10 Skains Cotton Yarn, Sole and Uper Leath^{r} Sufficient to make 5 P^{rs} Shoes &c —

Falmouth, Aug 16, 1777.

Gentlemen:

Inclos^{d} you have Capt Willm Harpers Receipt for forty pipes of wine shipt on Board the Sloop Swan, Harper Master, which he is to deliver the Honble Board they paying

him for freight Twenty-five pounds L. Money, he delivering Said wine in good order. I have agreed for a Sch^{r} that will take in fifty or Sixty pipes more, which will be all that I purpose to take of the Brigg^{n} She had on Board about one Hundred & Ninety five & five Quart Casks, so that when this Schn^{r} has her Load there will Remain on hand the Brigg about Seventy or Seventy-five pipes which will not much more than Ballast her up. I Intend to hall the Brigg in alongside the Wharf & Clean her Bottom, Before I let her off when that is don, hope their will Not be any grate danger, I shall see that her sails and Riging is in good order & that she has on Board a good Pilot Before I Leave her I should have take out thirty or thirty-five pipes more, But hear is Not a Vessel to be had. Should their Be any Small Vessell arrive By the time I have got Ready Belive shall take out a few more, as I Suppose Less will Ballist the Brigg (then what I have at present Conclude^{d} to Leave on Board) we have had no Late arrival here

I am Gentlemen with grate Esteem Your Most Obedient Hum^{ble} Ser^{vt}

Jon. Glover

N. B. their is a Quantity of Corke on Board Each Vessell that I have Shipt the wine in, for dunage which you^{l} order out —

To The Honble Board of
War in Boston.

Machias August 17, 1777.

Sir

I wrote you some days Ago Informing the Honble Board of my arrival at this place with a number of Indians, Intending immediately after to have Given their Honors a detail of the St. Johns Expedition. But a matter somewhat more

interesting Turning up, will prevent it for the present, shall therefore refer the particulars of that Expedition to another opportunity.

I have therefore to acquaint the Honble Board that on Wednesday the 13th Instant about 3 o'clock A. M. Intelligence was Received at the falls, of the arrival of three Large Ships, one Brig, and one Small Schooner at the mouth of the Harbor. Various were the conjectures who it could be, as it appeared they Came from the Westward. Major Stillman and Captain Smith with a few men set of immediately in Boats to make Discovery, and to take such steps as were necessary: if found to be the Enemy.

About 5 o'clock the Brig Appeared: near the Battery formerly on a point of Land Called the Rim (opposite which was a Boom) having 8 Boats in Tow full of Soldiers, with a great number on Board. Messrs Stillman and Smith joined Col^{o} Foster having in the whole only Thirty-five men. The Brig soon Came to where the Boats made towards the shore with the appearance of a Determination to Land. Our men immediately forming in a posture for opposing, and By their Vigilence & Activity keeping a Constant & sure fire, prevented the Enemys Landing, who in much Confusion, Retreated to the Brig — in the night Captain Smith Came up & immediately return'd with one of the Cannon and a Swivel belonging to the Marisheete, with a Cable and Anchor to Secure the Boom, all which By his Indefatigable pains, he Effected By day Light when our people Began to fire with the Cannon and hull'd the Brig several times. I Embody'd the Indians between Forty & Fifty after I had spoke to them upon the matter they very chearfully went on Service down the River.

About day Light of the 14th The Enemy receiv'd a reinforcement, the morning was Extremely foggy and it being Easy for them to Land at Several places, Our people being

so few not able to Guard the several posts to prevent their Landing it was thought most prudent for them to Retreat, and get altogether at the falls to make as Vigorous Defence as possible. Accordingly a small redoubt was raised near where it was supposed the enemy woud Land, in which was placed Twenty men under the Command of Major Stillman with two small Guns from the Marisheete. A Breastwork was allso raised on a Rising Ground near the mills on which was fixed the Swivils of the Schooner some of the Guns, having a number of men under the Command of Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Nevers which was Intended for the Last Retreat. in the afternoon people seemed to Gete togather after Securing their Familys & property and made every preparation possible, which time and circumstances woud admit. The Enemy Burned Several Buildings about the River & one mill down the River.

About 5 o'clock P. M. The Brig appeared in sight Beating up, with a number of Boats ahead towing, also a Sloop which the Enemy took in the River, having strongly Fortify^{d} her against small arms. There being but a Light Breeze & Tide of flood they Came up pretty fast and Between Six and Seven, Came to an anchor near the Buildings appeared in a most formidable & warlike position.

In this time Our men took their Different stations Capt. Smith with a Body having a number of Indians with him Lay upon an Extreme point near the Brig about 30 Indians within a few rods of him on a hill in order to Support the former. The next Major Stillman his Battery, Col. Nevers in the Breastwork and a small scouting party on the West Side of the River, the whole amounting to about 180 Men.

In this position we continued about half an hour Expecting every minute to Receive her Broadsides. The Enemy appeared in great Commotion, Rowing and Driving about the Brig and as we thought fixing a Spring on their Cables.

Our Determination was not to begin the fire in the present situation further than firing some shot to see what effect it would have on the Brig which Appeared to Answer Our most Sanguine Expectation.

The Indians in this time appeared very Eager for fighting, Set up the Indian Yell which was follow'd By many at the Different places, which no Doubt Occasioned the Enemy to suppose there were some Hundreds It appeared almost impossible to prevent some of the Indians from firing, one of them it was generely supposed Killed a man in a Boat at a great distance, who we Imagined was Going to Burn some Houses on the Opposite Shore.

But notwithstanding all this parade of these Invaders, the Haughty & warlike position, to the Great surprise and Astonishment of every one in Less than half an Hour after Coming to an Anchor, The Brig & Sloop Both Gote underway without firing a Gun towards the Houses & with the greatest precipitation possible having Eleven Boats towing, made down the River against the Tide of flood, giving Three Cheers as they went of, however, I thought this was only a finnesse of theirs and it was strongly recommended to keep to the post only a scouting party to watch their motions till we know'd their real design after this Major Stillman was Detach'd with about Thirty men proceeding along the River side By Land and about Ten o'clock Came up with them, Here Major Stillman & party Display'[d] the Soldiers. Being on a plain spot of Ground, Exposed to the whole fire of the Enemy & not more than 100 yards from their Cannon. But with Undoubted Courage Vigorously attacked the Enemy which evidently proved to Be effectual By the Consternation it put the Enemy in, for many in the Boats Called out they were not able to Gete on Board (when Ordered) By reason that some crews were all Killed or Wounded, several officers were named which suffered, one Lieu[t] Garden in perticular.

The Brig keep'd up all this time a Constant & heavy Fire of Langrage & Grape Shot, But notwithstanding our people were so exposed, By the Interposition of Divine providence, only one man was killed. She soon got aground But our people being much fatigued & ammunition spent they returned back, and at Day Light of the 15th Colo Foster with a Body of Men went Down and about Seven o'clock attacked them. The Boats Employed in Geteing out the Anchors & making preparation to Gate her of were forced to take shelter behind the Brig and only one Boat which was Barricaded coud Give her any assistance

At 10 o'clock Captain Smith with a number of white men and all the Indians got off in order to attack them on the other side of the River By which movements the Boats were forced to quit together. She having them gote of, so difficult was their situation that the Boats Crews Declared they could not row, in Answer, the officers swore they would blow the first man's Brains out who dared to Come on Board. The Brig then struck Ground again, But our people keeping up such an Incessant fire they could not take the necessary precaution to Gate her of, By which she continued during that Tide. In this Action Capt. Farnsworth rec'd a wound on the head, but is in a fair way of recovery.

By the time the Militia were coming in very fast so as to enable us to Distribute further down the River to prevent Assistance from the Ships below, a small Cannon, was taken down and fixed opposite the stern of the Brig, and the Greatest part of the day a pretty Constant fire was keep'd up on Both sides. Several Balls went into the Stern of the Brig, which with the firing from the Quarter deck while aground must have Wrecked her very much.

Several Boats attempted to Gate up the River which were always drove back with a very Considerable Loss on their side — on the Tide of flood the Sloop stood up the River (as

was supposed) to Succor the Brig & Gate her of, a party of our Men suddenly attacked them, many of the Enemy were seen to fall, with the greatest difficulty they Gote her Clear, a heavy rain Coming on, prevented our people from pursuing their Designs in stoping the Brig from Geting down the River. She soon floated and with the assistance of the Sloop & a small breeze of wind she made the Best of her way down, and on the morning of the 16th Came to altogather at Round Island — The past night they were seen getting Ballast on Board in the Greatest Haste and this morning on the Tide of Ebb all but one ship sets sail & Departed the Harbor.

I must Observe to the Honble Board that this Expedition of the Enemy & our situation at the time might occasion some reflection. It appears this matter was a plan of Dawson of the Brig Hope that he had rec'd Intelligence from time to time of the situation of this place and that the General Court would not allow anything for its Defence, till the Expedition now forming was Granted, which it appears by Certain Information, that he has rec'd Intelligence of the Backwardness of it, he has been seen cruising backwards and forwards for this some time past. He no doubt supposed from this that there was some Property Deposited here and not Strength to defend it, and his coming up in such a daring manner, would so intimedate the Inhabitants that they would immediately give up.

As to the situation of the place it Cut a gloomy aspect the morning the Brig Came up, matters appeared Desperate on our side & a feint hope of saving the place from Destruction. The Enemy seemed Encouraged By our men Leaving the Battery below, which indeed was done from necessity. But all this turned out for our Great advantage for on the Brigs coming up & seeing such fortifications, which were never known of before, and our men posted in such a manner,

might very reasonably, Conjecture that our retreating, was to bring them in that Difficult Situation & Destroy them & supposing we had some Hundreds, By their returning in such an unprecedented manner — had we but two six pounders the Brig must have struck, which I think should have been sent when the Stores came down for things of this nature is always the means of an Enemy making desperate attempts, upon the whole we may be very thankful to Kind Providence that the place is so far preserved.

I cannot but highly applaud the Bravery of the whole of the Militia & the few troops Inlisted, have not heard the Least Complaint of any Backwardness after matters Came to Crisis.

And I have the pleasure to Inform the Honble Board that none Deserves Greater Applause than our Indian Friends, For the Diff^t^ Officers at the Several attacks assured me that no persons Beheaved more Gallantly, Exposing themselves openly to the fire of the Cannon & small arms, very Diff^t^ then what has been Generely Practised by Indians. The same morning the Enemy arrived, I had a Conference with Six Deputys from Penobscot, we Exchanged pledges of friendship, Received the greatest satisfaction, and agreed with them to be at Penobscot in six weeks where I am to meet the St Francis Indians & others from Canada. I Deliv^d^ these six Guns, who immediately joined the others & Continued till the departure of the Ships when I Dismissed them with some presents.

My coming to Machias was a matter more of Necessity then Inclination as I was confident it would create a greater Expence, and the Indians continually Drunk & Quarreling But they being Destitute of every thing, I was forced to yield to the Intreaties of them & indeed it has proved to Great advantage. I am obliged to supply & find them very largely with Provisions & other things, and Employing them

in Going with Expresses etc., otherwise they would Certainly Go of & am afraid to Lett them out of my hands for the present for fear of joining or having some Correspondence with the Enemy. Still the Honble Board may fully rely & depend I shall use every Economy possible — indeed things are so Dear & Exhorbitant & the Indians Demands & Necessities so large that I am often at a stand what to do.

The Great Consumption of Provisions during this Siege obliges me to Press you the Honble Board to Consider the Situation of this Country in General as people have been so harrassed being forced from their harvest — perticularly I must press assistance to the Truck house, which I beg may be furnished with a quantity more of Corn & other provisions, Molasses, small wines, Cyder, also some more blankets, shouds, some pieces of fine Cloaths, Wampum & a Quantity of Ammunition & Some Good Guns.

The Indians have left some fine corn fields on St. Johns, which it is Probable is destroyed, if so the Indians will resent it greatly if not a certain supply Laid in for them. I have impowered Messrs Cross's of Newbury to procure those articles, to whom I send a schooner & Expect her back with all Expedition, those that Came with me bro^{t} Considerable furs etc. which I presume Capt. Smith will send as soon as possible

I find our Nova Scotia Expedition goes on very slowly from the appearance of things. I shall not press that Matter at present but there is the Greatest Necessity of a speedy succour if it is Intended to keep these parts, there is every reason to suppose that the Enemy is Bent upon the Destruction of this place, and that they are now gone for a Reinforcement, which if the Case, I am very sure they must Carry the point. I hardly know what apoligy to make to the Indians if the Troops do not soon arrive, for by the Diff^{t} News told them they are sanguine that St. John will be secured By the States.

Brigidier Warner not arriving has given me much trouble, I intended before now, Let the Consequence turned out as it would, to Endeavou'd to have been among the Micmacs who I find the British Government is tampering with, with all their might, and it is not Improbable but they may be seduced, for every shop in Halifax is open for them to Demand what they please. with pains & Difficulty did I Gain these of St. Johns & others with nothing, tho' Mr. Franchline the British Superentendent had every advantage of Power, force, money &c and indeed he may Gain the others were no body to oppose him.

My reason of detaining is for fear of my thawting the Intention of Government by going and also to be ready to Give my feeble advice in the Expedition. I perceive it is daily growing more precarious in Carrying on these things, and must be managed with much Delicacy and prudence

It gives me much pain to hear of the trouble the Honble Board has had with the affairs of Nova Scotia occasioned by the fluctuating minds of people — much party Spirit seems to reign. I have Endeavored all along to act upon that Rule which I Conscientiously thought would tend to the interest and Honour of the United States. The Happiness, welfare & Establishing Freedom in that Community whereof I was a member. But by Common fame it appears I am concerned in one of the partys which I have been an utter stranger to hitherto. My Intention being to pursue Every measure to defeat the diabolical plans of Britain, and to Endeavor with my weak ability to aid in Defending & Supporting the Independency of America, and as I would not have it suspected to do the Least action that might be thought to hurt any Intention of Government. I have come to a Determination not to act in any matter whatever as an inhabitant of Nova Scotia, but shall lay aside every Dispute & animosity which has been occasioned by any mal proceedings in that province, and

shall wholly devote my time & Talants to the Service of the States, and shall use every method & use every means to Execute such Orders & Intention of the States Consistent with such office I may hold.

The Small Vessell which I have with me Cannot Gate out, but hope the Ship below will soon retire when I will hurry her away with all Expedition. This Schooner wth another one I have should be glad may be Employ^{d} in the Service if thought necessary, as they are well Calculated for such business, and are now Lying on great Expence.

I have applyed to Col^{o} Eddy to Call a Court Martial to Inquire into the Conduct of officers and others in the Expedition to St. Johns but thinks he Cannot Legally Do it. It is absolutely necessary such things should be to keep matters in Order and to Give Satisfaction perticularly when there is suspicion of misconduct. there has been some affidavit taken Concerning Major Shaw which I presume will be Laid before the Honble Board, But as these Steps seem not to be through a proper Channell, Cannot Give any Judgment on the matter. I must therefore request of the Honble Board to Order a Court of Inquiry to Examine into that Expedition. these things being done at once will be a check to Designing & Dangerous men and if publick utillity in Gen^{el} which I have often Experienced when with the Army.

The Truck House at St. Johns has been done with for some time. The furs and what was Left on hand I have received & hid them on the river St. Johns. Consequently Mr John Preble is not of any service in that Department. Mr. Preble often turns out as a Volunteer & seems of an Enterprising turn in military affairs, very forward upon every occasion, and from the knowledge I have of his hardships during the summer I must pray the Liberty & recommend him to the Honble Board for some Military Employment & Consistent with the publick Service.

I must pray then Intelligence Expecting my Proceedings may be Convey^{d} to the Honble Congress. I have the Honour to be with the most Profound respect.

I Sir Your most ob^{d} & Devoted hbl. Ser^{vt} J. Allan.

P. S. I have taken the Liberty to draw an order in favor of Messrs. Stephen & Ralph Cross of Newbury port on the Honble the President of the Council of this State for such monies as is Granted me for the use of the Indians in the Eastern Department. I am at a Loss to do it in such a manner as may appear Legal — my necessity I trust will apologise for any Defect in the Order

Aug 19th

Some deserters coming in which belonged to the Hancock brought intelligence that the fleet &c. was composed of the Reinbow, Mairmaid, Vulture & Hope, which with the Marines were sent Back. The Enemy Lost in the Attack with Major Stillman, 30 men Killed — their whole Loss amounts which is spoken of among themselves publickly 100 Killed & wounded. I suppose not an action during the War Except Bunker Hill there was such a slaughter.

This goes by Colonel Campbell, a gentleman who has Exerted himself in Collecting the Militia

To The Honble Jeremiah Powell.

In Council Sept. 10, 1777. Read & Sent down with a Number of other Letters from Machias accompanying the same.

Jno Avery Dp. Secy.

Scarboro, Aug. 18, 1777.

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have a Receipt for Sixty-two pipes of wine Shipt on Board the Sch^{r} Molly, Wm Brown Master which hope you^{ll} Rec^{d} in good order as they were put on Board. I have agreed to pay a freight of twelve Shillings p^{r} pipe

which you[l] please to pay. in my Last, I mentioned that I should proceed to this place, in order to get one Small Vessel more, as I could not come at any at Falmouth. Neither is their any to be had here, upon a further Consideration, am fully satisfied that what is now on Board is not more than she will Require to Ballist her, their Being only Sixty seven pipes now on Board. I have now ordered her on Shore a longside the Wharf to clean her Bottom, which is very fowle When that is don, which will take only one Tide, they will make all the dispatch possible for Boston, her Sails & Riging Being in good order. No prizes has arrived Since my Last. I am Gentlemen with grate esteem Your Moste Hum[ble] Serv[t]

Jon[a] Glover

To The Hon[ble] Board of War in Boston.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Aug[st] 20th 1777

Sir

The Letter to Jonathan Eddy & John Allen Esq[rs] and Mr. Stephen Smith on public Service are Inclosed to your care that you may Forward them to Machias by a Special Messenger unless a good opportunity offers to convey them by Water

The Expense that will necessarily attend sending them will be paid to you or your order as soon as the same can be ascertained —

By Warrant upon the Treasury —

John Wait Esq[r] Sheriff of Cumberland County.

Council Chamber Aug[st] 21st, 1777.

Ordered that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to deliver Cap[t] John Wentworth Comanding Officer of the Guard Stationed at Cape Elizabeth so much Bunting

as will be sufficient to make two Flags each of one yard & half Wide & three yards long also forty Fathom of small Rope suitable for Halyards for the said Flagg for the purpose of hoisting Signalls on Poles to be Erected at or near that place, agreeable to a Resolution of the General Court of 8 July 1777.

Falm° August 21st 1777.

May it please your Honors

According to your Directions of the 25th Ulto, the Stores, Sails &c. belonging to yr Ship Union are Safely stored & she moored at the Pool where she was loaded. I have paid Capt Haynes One hundred & forty pounds, two shillings p his Receipt of which the inclosed is a Copy. Shall do my endeavour to secure your Interest now under my Care. there is a balance due to me of upwards of two hundred pounds on Acct of the Ship Union. Should be glad of two hundred pounds by the Bearer Doctr Norwood — I hope to be able to settle my acct in Sept I have the Express from the hon^l Congress which your Honors gave me to go in the Union, wait your Directions either to transmit it to you or keep it 'till the Union sails

I remain your Honors most obt hl St

Wm Frost.

The hon^l Board of War.

Sir

I have sent the Bearer to you with a Proposal which I hope you will think both just and requisite, and that accordingly you will Comply with it: as it will be a means of instantly alleviating the Hardships of Confinement and likewise in future serve many of your People that may fall into

our hands. I have on board His Majesty's Ship under my command four young men, Natives of Boston, Marblehead &c. that want to be at home with their friends. Now if you will exchange the Four men belonging to me (that some of your People surpriz'd, and took Prisoners at Cross Island, the day before yesterday, as they were innocently & without Suspicion of hurt to any one, filling some Water Casks) I will send you these four young men in Lieu. You may assure yourself I am upon Honour. Send me the Men either by themselves or with others, you may be assured no one of their Conductors shall be touch'd or offended. I would observe that when the Blonde was in the River, we could have burnt all the Dwelling Houses along Shore. But even that, or pillaging I dispis'd as it was only affecting a few poor people. This is mentioned to say something in favour of the four Men now in your hands. Their Loss to the Ship is not much (as they are all Land men) to themselves poor Fellows great, as missing the Ship now, they may never join her again.

I am Sir Your Most hb^le^ Servt

Jno Milligen

Blonde in Machias Bay 22^d^ Augt 1777

To the Principal officer or commandant at Machias Town

Copy

The Deposition of Thomas Fletcher

This may Certifie That whereas it hath been Reported by Lieu^t^ Andrew Gilman that the Indians told Him thare was a Number of Indians & Regulars Commanded by one Lonear and were on their March from Quebec to Penobscot or some of the Eastward Rivers which Report being made known to the Officers of the Guard on Penobscot River and the Officers of the upper Regiment of the Militia there they imediately

gave orders to their Respective Officers to raise the Militia which alarmed the Eastern Country & as I the Subscriber have for near twenty years past been Imployed as an Interpreter to the Penobscot Indians was desired by the people to proceed up the River to know the Foundation for this, which I readily complied with & went up the River to Mr Coburns which is within Seven Miles of the Indian Town accompanied by Lieu^t Gilman & Col^n Brewer the Indian Chiefs were sent for there & we had a Conferrence with them there the Indians declared they never informed Lieu^t Gilman or any other person more then this viz — That there was a Number of Regulars, Canadians, & Indians at Loik kekonouch Ales Shudear so called by the English & they likewise Says They never Knew that the said Party Had any Intention to come on the Eastern Settlements For the place where they Saw this party there has been a guard kept this two years past By the Regulars — And further Saith that from Penobscot falls Truck House I dispatched two Men to the Indian Chiefs to let them know I wanted to see them about an Hour after came an Express from Mr Coburns where the Guard was kept Saying the guard was fired upon by Indians: Says Col^l Brewer what shall we do we cannot notifie the People by Sending to them we must Fire an Alarm I said would it not be better to suspend till we have heard further Then said Brewer to Col^l Lowder what do you think of it. Lowder Replied, I think as Fletcher thinks I would suspend till I have heard further Col^l Brewer said Would you Suspend now the Centry is fired upon — Fletcher said I would Suspend & proceed up here and know further about it, whereupon Col^l Brewer Maj^r Buck & a number of others went up in order to enquire concerning the alarm accordingly in the afternoon I arrived there accompanied with Eight English men on our way we met a man upon an Express & I asked him what News he said he was on an

Express & should give us no account. He said We had better go Each and get our Guns I answered I would proceed forward we came to Mr Coburns where Col^{l} Brewer & Capt Brewer was laying on the Bed I asked Col^{l} Brewer what was the matter his Express would not give an account of himself Col^{l} Brewer smiled and said He did Right! Col^{l} Brewer & James McCurdy were disputing & James McCurdy Said He believed it was Not the Indians fired on the Centry Col^{l} Brewer said if you talk in this manner to persuaid the People it is a falst Allarm I will confine you imediately Col^{l} Brewer desired me & a number of others to go & see the place where the Centry was fired upon Col^{l} Brewer Says to me do not you see it is Evident this Ball is fired by the Indians — Says I I do not believe it was. well said Brewer if you & other People do not believe it If you and all the People on the River were to be Destroyed, I would not make an Alarm again

Thos Fletcher

Penobscot August 22^{d} 1777

A true Copy Examined

John Partridge Clerk

A true Copy attest

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

We the Subscribers Jointly & Severally hereby Certify & Declare that Elihu Hewes resident at Penobscot Having been appointed, employed, & betrusted, to Convey and Transfer, A Petition sent by a Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of this River, to the General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, in behalf of the Inhabitants to represent their Grievances, & to obtain Redress from, & to give a Just & faithfull information to the State aforesaid of the Conduct & Behavior of Col^{o} Josiah Brewer & his confederates, relative to certain Facts, & representations, which in our apprehension & knowledge

is Truth, and necessary to be laid before the General Court at Boston But the said Elihu Hewes, was prevented by Col° Brewer aforesaid in presenting the said Remonstrance to the Hon. the Court aforesaid; to which the said Elihu Hewes was repeatedly solicited & urged by the s^d^ Josiah Brewer, by whose means that Petition was detained.—

The abovesaid Elihu Hewes, declared before us the Subscribers on the 19th of August 1777 — That the said Josiah Brewer would endeavor to procure six months stores for the Soldiers, if he would not present that Petition, which would be a great help to the river Given under our hands at Penobscot August 24th 1777

Jedidiah Preble Junr
Benj^a^ Wheeler
Robert M^c^Curdy

N. B. The original Petition is to this Day detained by the said Elihu Hewes, but the Copy of the same is transfered to Court by the Hand of Mr James M^c^Curdy, to transact the same with the business committed to his betrustment —

A true Copy Attest Jn° Avery D^y^ Secy

Letter from Mr. Murray to Col. Waite.

Sir

My confidence in your zeal & fidelity to your Country prompts me in great haste to inform you that after receiving a pretty little dressing at Machias — Sir George Collier in the Rainbow w^t^ Dawson as an attendant arrived in this harbour last tuesday; they took one sloop & attempted another — immediately on their coming in — but our people attacked them, killed (as they say) two & wounded several more — since which the Commodore has come to give promises — & the Militia have gone home — he still lyes

here — & it seems probable he has no tho'ts of going off soon — he still acts as if he intends another quarrell with us. we hear that three continental frigates are at Portsmouth ready for sea — if they would come here immediately this ship would be an easy prey — she has but 334 men a fever & flux rages among them; if you would send an express to Portsm° — the Country wonld thank you — & if the ships come they might more then repair Marly's loss. I communicate this intelligence by Mr Muzzy who will tell you the fate of your Express to Machias

with great respect I am Sir your most obed^t^

N° Murray

Col. Waite Boothbay Augt 29th 1777.

Letter from John Waite to the Hon. J. Powell.

Falmouth 31st August 1777

Sir

I received from Council a packet of Letters on Public service with directions from the Honb^le^ Mr Sewall to forward them to Mechias by a special Messenger. I consulted with Several Gentlemen of this Town who were of opinion that the Cheapest & greatest dispatch would be to send them by Water, upon which I immediately Hired two Men and a two mast Boat who set out last Wensday with said Packet for Mechias but were unhapily taken off Monahegan by the Rainbow Barge and Kept a few Hours and then released as being thot by the Enemy to be only on a Fishing Voyage — they having sunk the Letters before they were taken I have also sent you a Letter I Just received from the Revd Mr Murray of Booth Bay in which you will see a particular Acco^t^ of the Enemy's motions since they have been at Anchor off the Harbour of Townsend a Midshipman on

Board the Rainbow informed one of the Persons that was taken in the fishing Boat, that they had Burnt twelve Houses at Machias and that the Enemy had three men Killed & several wounded, the Commodore then Asked him whether there was a Mast Ship in Falm° and also whether he knew where Gen^el Hows Army was and How many men we had station'd in Falm° and whether they ware not all Old men &c Capt M^clelen can inform you of further perticulars relative to the above affair

I am sir your very Humble serv^t

John Waite

The Honble Jeremiah Powell President at the Hon^bl Council Board Boston

Letter from Col° Frost.

Kittery Sep^t 1st 1777

Honour^d Sir

Agreable to yours of the 19th of Augt Last I gave orders to all the Col° Belonging to my Brigade that they mack a Return to me agreable to the Resolve of Court of the 15th Augs^t Last Have had no Return as yet onely one from Lebunon which I send Inclosed I Expect Returns this weak from Each Regiment and shall mack a Return to you next weak in the mean time I Remain

Sir your most obd^t Humb^l Servant

Mr Secretary Avery Jn° Frost

To the Honorable Council, and Honourable House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay:—

Humbly shews the Inhabitants of the County of Lincoln.—

That in the year 1775, the Provincial Congress of this State, established a Post for the said State, whose bounds were as

far east, as Georgetown, in the County aforesaid, which proved of great advantage to the said County: but after a while the Honorable Continental Congress, (having settled a Post Office in the United States,) or the Post master general would not allow the rider for the Eastern parts, to proceed further than Falmouth in the County of Cumberland.

Your Petitioners would further humbly represent, that before the commencement of the controversy with Great Britain, Your Petitioners (carrying on a considerable business coastwise,) readily got their Letters, &c. conveyed to them by water, when the inconveniency of not having a Post further East than Falmouth was not felt.— but since the unnatural war begun by Great Britain, their trade, &c. by Water, has been almost wholly cut off; whereby your Petitioners have laboured under great disadvantages, and all most all orders, resolves, Proclamations, &c. of the Gouvernment, have not arrived 'till a considerable time after they were Promulgated, and which might have been productive of very bad consequences.

Your Petitioners would further humbly represent, that the Eastern parts of this State are now become an Object of importance to our Unnatural enemies, as appears by the frequent hostilities attempted on them of late.

Your Petitioners would humbly submit it to your Wise Consideration, whether All parts of the United States, ought not in this very critical time to have Posts for conveying intelligence to them, as the well being (perhaps,) of some of them, or parts of them, might depend on having the earliest intelligence conveyed to them.—

Your Petitioners would further represent to your Honors, that the County aforesaid, have always furnished their full quota of Men for the War, and have now a great proportion of their inhabitants in actual service: but from not having a Post as aforesaid, the conveyance of letters to their Families,

&c.— or from their Friends to them, is very precarious, and they often miscarry.

Your Petitioners would therefore pray your Honors, to grant them a Post, whose bounds shall extend at least as far as the East part of the Town of Thomastown in the County aforesaid, or otherwise relieve them, as to your Wisdom shall seem meet:— and Your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Sam[l] M Cobb
Abiel Lovejoy
John Taylor

Sept. 1777

State of Massachusetts Bay
Septem[r] 1777

The Committee of both Houses on the foregoing Petition have attended that Service & beg Leave to report by Way of Resolve

Resolved that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to send to the Committee of Boothbay they to be accountable for the same two nine & two six Pound Iron Cannon with Carriages & Implements compleat & fifty round of Powder & Ball for each piece

And it is further resolved that a Company of Fifty Men to be commanded by one Captain & two Lieutenants be raised in any Part of the Eastern Parts of this State & stationed at Booth Bay & to continue in Service untill the last Day of Decem[r] next unless sooner discharged by Order of this Court to receive the same Pay & Subsistance as are allowed the other Sea Coast Companies in the Pay & Service of this State —

And it is further resolved that a Commissary be appointed

by this Court to purchase & issue Provisions to the s^{d} Company

In Council Sep^{t} 20, 1777
Read & sent down

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept 22^{d} 1777
Read & accepted Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speak^{r} pro Tem

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	Moses Gill
Benj Austin	John Taylor	John Whitcomb
Fra Dana	S Holten	R Derby
Danl Davis	A Fuller	Josiah Stone

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honb^{l} the Council & the Honb^{l} House of the Representatives in General Court assembled at Boston Septr 1777 —

The Petition of Simeon Mayo of Falmouth humbly Shews that your Petitioner in the year 1775 had 2500 feet of 2 Inch pine plank ¼ bb^{l} of Tar & 5 Barrs Iron about 200^{lb} being his Property lying on his wharf in Falmouth. That soon after the Burning of that Town by the Enemy, a Committee of the County of Cumberland by Order of the County proceeded to Fortify the Town, the doings of this Committee were afterwards adopted by this Honb^{l} Court, & their Charges & Expenditures about that work have since bin Defrayed by your Honors. the Committee found it necessary in the Course of their aforesaid operations to make use of the

above mentioned Articles Property of your Petitioner.— He therefore prays your Honors, as these articles were used in the Service of the state, that he may have a reasonable allowance granted him for the same — And as in duty bound shall Ever Pray

Simeon Mayo

Dr. State of the Massachusetts Bay To Simeon Mayo
1775 Oct 16.

2500 feet 2 Inch pine plank at 72/ p^{m} taken by Capt Abner Lowell	9 "	0	
¼ Bb^{l} Tar	"	4 "	6
2^{cwt} Barr Iron at 36/ taken by Col. Knight	3 "	12 "	
	12 "	16 "	6

Errors Excepted

Simeon Mayo

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honourable the Council and the Honourable House of Representatives of Said State Now Setting in Boston Septr 1777

The Petition of the Subscriber Humbly Sheweth that in the Year 1775 the Company Under the Command of Capt Samuel Dunn late of Cape Elizabeth in Colonel Phinneys Regiment was Billited in this Town a Considerable Time and as there was One of the King of Britians Ships then in Our Harbour they were Obliged to keep the Necessary Guards and as the Said Colonel Phiney was ordered to Ticondaroga and Said Capt Dunn Died Soon after His Return from Cambridge the Necessary Steps were Not Taken in order to Receive the Billiting Money for Said Company and there is a Considerable Sum Due as will appear By the Roll Sent by Mr Peter Woodbery and as the Select men for Cape Elizabeth provided for them to a Considerable part of the Same Pray the

Honourable Court if in their wisdom think fit will pay the same to Mr Peter Woodbery and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

E Newell Lt

State of Massachusetts Bay In the House of Representatives Septr 27th 1777 on the Petition of Ebenezer Newell Lieut of the Company formerly Commanded by Capt Samuel Dunn in Col Edmund Phiney's Regemt Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Treasurer of this State be & he is hereby Directed to pay the Said Ebenezer Newell or his order for the use of Said Company the Sum of one Hundred and Twenty Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Seven pence

Falmouth Sepm ye 2, 1777

Honoured Sirs

I am to acquaint your Honours that after a passage of Eight Days we arrived at Sandy hook, there was ordered under the Stern of the Raven Man of War the Prisoners all Taken abord. Myself Examened and Sent on bord the Flag again. But Not alowed to write or Speek to any Person Except the Ships Company. So that it was impossable For me to Comply with your Instructions as Capt Godfrey Can inform your Honnours More Particular: Capt Coffin was Permited to Go in a flag From york to Nantucket Which was granted Mr Frederick William Gyes: to Fetch His Children From there. Capt Timothy Coffin I Could here nothing of So that they were out of my Power But when the Prisoners That Came were onbord Capt Godfrey had orders to Sail With out any Seremony and at our arival here Capt Godfrey went to ye Committe we were ordered on shore and Examined to there Satisfaction So that I hoap your honnours Will Rest asured that I have used My Best

indevvers to Comply with your Instructions in all matters as a faithfull Friend to his Country ought to Do. & So I Remain your Humble Servant

Paul Hussey

P. S. Capt Godfr'y Deliverd the thirty Seven Prisoners five of which Ware Black men they haveing But two on hand, the Commissary writes me that they will not Give White men But will Give Blacks when they have them.

Letter from Jedediah Preble enclosing Letters from Col^{o} Eddy &c, Machias.

Falm^{o} 3 Sep^{t} 1777

Hon^{d} Sir

Inclosed is two Letters from Mechias, which will Inform you of the alarming situation of the Poor inhabitants of that place. I hope some proper steps will be speedily taken for their Relief. for further particulars than is Contain'd in the S^{d} Letters, I refer your Hon^{rs} to the Revd Mr Noble & Coll^{l} Campbell by whom this waits on your Hon^{rs} I should now have been on my Journey to Boston but was last Week violently siezed with the Gout & have intirely lost the use of one of my hands at present, but hope in a short time to be able to attend my Duty at the Hon^{r} Board. I am S^{r} with sentiments of Respect your Hon^{r} Obedient Hum^{bl} Servt

Jedidiah Preble

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the hon^{o} the Council & the hon^{o} house of Representatives of said state in general Court assembled.

The Petition of Benjamin Titcomb, Joshua Freeman and Joseph Noyes all of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners were assessors of parish taxes in & for the first parish in said Falmouth in the year 1776, and assessed a tax upon the inhabitants of said Parish for that year agreeable to a vote of said Parish for the purpose of raising money for payment of the Ministers Salleries & other contingent charges the same years, but it so happened through mere inattention & forgetfulness that your Petitioners were not sworn according to law previous to their making the said assessment; That they have however since made oath before a proper Magistrate that in assessing & apportioning said tax they proceeded equally & indifferently according to their best skill & Judgment & the rules prescribed by law as by a proper certificate thereof they are ready to make appear; Wherefore they humbly pray your honors to establish said tax or assessment & declare the same to be legal & valid, the ommission of your Petitioners previous to their making the same notwithstanding — and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray. &c.

Benj Titcomb
Joshua Freeman
Joseph Noyes

Cumberland Ss Sept. 8th 1777 Then Benjamin Titcomb Joshua Freeman & Joseph Noyes personally appeared and made solemn oath that in assessing & apportioning a parish Rate or tax upon the inhabitants of the first Parish in Falmouth in said County in & for the year 1776 they proceeded equally & indifferently according to their best skill & Judgment & the rules prescribed by law.

atest Peter Noyes Justis a peace

Mechias Septemr 8th 1777 —

Whereas notwithstanding the Repeated Requests of the Subscribers to the Innholders & other Inhabitants of this

place the former in perticular, not to Admit of Trading with the Indians in their Several Houses or Otherwise, Perticularly the Furnishing Spiritious Liquors as it had a Tendency to the most pernicious Consequences to the United States. Still Several people persists in the Diabolical practice, & not Only furnishes Liquors, but Embezzles the Indians property *—

The United States have been at a very Great Expence in furnishing the Several Truck Houses perticularly, that at this place, in Order that the Indians may have Such Necessarys as they May Want —

This is done to prevent their Going to the Enemy for assistance which if the Case the Consequence will be very fatal to this Eastern Country —

But Notwithstanding the Generous & Humane Disposition of Congress & the General Court towards this part in regard to Keeping the Intriests of the Indians; Still some person (whome the [a] publick Cannot Look upon in any other Light then Enemys to their Country who are dayly Involving this Bleeding Continent Deeper into all the horrors of Warr to Satisfy their Insatiable & Vorations appetites) are takeing from Missarible Saveges — (who Fled from their own Homes to help the States) their Necessarys for a Quarter of their Value, Which the publick has been at so Great Expence in procuring, by Which amoung Many Other Evils they must again becom Naked, which will be difficult for the States to Replenish in the present Critical Situation of Affairs in these parts —

Many persons may suppose that the Indians Takes no Notice of Such proceedings, but Immediately when Known abroad, the Whole Body resent it, & Sildom (with Difficulty) Satisfaction is Given, for Fighting and other Evils Arrises Amoung themselves which the English may be Strangers to —

The Subscriber has Taken every Legal Step Consistant with his authority from Congress to Secure their Interiests, but the Task Appears to Grow Harder every day, perticularly Occationed by the Reason before mentioned, which if practiz'd In, he will be Under the Necessity of Removing from this place Immediately, which is Detirmind, in Order to Keep the Indians from Returning Into the Enemys Country, as the Sober Sett Cannot Stay if Such proceeding are Tolerated —

As the Subscriber doe not Chuse to Enter Into Broils and Quarels with perticular persons in this Critical Time, He woud once More Request the favour of those persons Who presists in this practice, as well as Others, Not to have any Dealings what Ever with the Indians and In perticular Not to furnish them With Strong Liquor —

And he Also Expects that the Good people of this District will take perticular Notice of Such Offenders, which may Come to their Knowledge & every person who will prosicute to Conviction, or Inform so that the Offender or Offenders may be Convicted, shall Recieve three pounds, above what is Allowed by the Hono^ble^ the Gene^l^ Court of This State —

It is Earnestly requested that the Gentlemen of the Army Militia as well as Continental, will take perticular Notice of Those Incendarys and Misscrents & Order the Diffrient Cores, to see the Resolves of the Gene^l^ Court put duly Into Execution

NB an Indian yesterday (Lordsday) had a Mooseskin taken from him for a Case Bottle Clove Water (two thirds of it Real Water) Several Skins of Peltry & Other things missing —

Jno Allan Continental agent for Indian Eastern Department —

A True Coppy

Attest Lew^s^ Fred^k^ De Lesdernier J P

To the Honorable Council & Hon^{l} House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston the 10th day of Sepr Anno Domini 1777 —

The Petition of Joseph Prouty of Scarborough in the County of Cumberland Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner has for some years past been Possess^{d} of Two Negro Men as his Own Property & Estate who have lived with him quietly & Peacab^{y} untill they ware Informed by Mr William Vaughan who came from your Hon^{d} Court who told them that all Negros ware made Free by an Act of s^{d} Court since which s^{d} Negros on ye fourteenth day of July Inst^{t} have left me & one of them hired himself out to s^{d} Mr William Vaughan who with holds him from your Peti^{r} at this Busy Season & your Petition^{r} being in such a State of Health that he is Unable to do much for himself & that he must with his family Suffer Verry Greatly for want of them the difficulties of prosecuting him Otherways at this time Your Petitioner prays Your Hon^{rs} would hear his Petition & Grant him Relief as in your Great Wisdom Shall see meat & your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Jos Prouty

State of the Massachusetts Bay in Newengland

To the hon^{o} the Council & hon^{d} house of Representatives of Said State in General court assembled Septem. 10th 1777.

The Petition of Abner Lowell of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Captain of a Company stationed at said Falmouth for the defence of the Sea Coast and John Wintworth of Cape Elizabeth in Said County Captain of another Company stationed at Cape Elizabeth afores^{d} for the Same purpose for themselves and in behalf of the other Commissioned officers in said Companies humbly Sheweth

That the monthly Pay established for your Petitioners is but Six pounds Each & of the other officers in proportion & that they draw only the Same allowance with the privates. that both the places where their Companies are stationed are Very much Exposed to the Enemy So that your Petitioners are Obliged to devote their hole time to the public Service & their duty and that of the other commissioned officers is Equal to that of officers in the Continental Service & pay & Considering the increasing price of all the necessaries of life their present provisions is inadequate to their Services and insufficient for a bare Support for their families

Wherefore they humbly pray that your honours would be pleased to take the premises into your wise Consideration and grant and order that the Same rations may be allowed your Petitioners and the other Commissioned officers of said Companies as is allowed in the Continental Service from the time of their entering into pay viz from the first day of May last and during the Continuance of the Establishment of Said Companies

and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Abner Lowell
John Wentworth

Sir

The Inclosed Petition of Brigadier Moultons Admin^{rs} was given me to present at the last meeting of the Genl Court, but as they then determined to do no private Business it was not presented.

The facts set forth in it I am perswaded are true, I have seen the Writing Mr Moulton gave Shaw — and it is more compleat than that of Prebble — I conceive there will be no difficulty in gran^{g} the Prayer of it should that be determined by the Committee that may be appointed thereon. I have

drawd a Resolution that may answer the purpose — being about to returne Home I have therefore left it to your care —

I am Sir your Hum^{l} Ser^{v}

Sep. 11 1777 David Sewall

In the House of Representatives Septr 11th 1777

A number of Letters from Machias were read — and thereupon —

Ordered that Brigadier Lovell, Capt Bacheldor and Major Cross with such as the Hon. Board shall join, be a Committee to take the same into consideration and report —

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Sep^{t} 11, 1777 Read and Concurred and Artemas Ward and Benj. Greenleaf Esq^{rs} are joined

Jno Avery Dy Sec^{y}

"*Report of Tim Newell.*" *1777*

Boston Septr 11th 1777 —

To the Honourable the Council for the State of the Massachusetts Bay

In Obedience of orders to me Directed from Brigadier General Jonathan Warner, I have bin to Mechias with orders to Co^{ll} Edy to Disband the men in his Regi^{t}, rais^{d} for an Expedition to St Johns River, which order I delivered and apply^{d} to s^{d} Co^{ll} Edy & Capt Stephen Smith for all the provisions, Arms, Stores and Accoutrements of all kinds which have bin delivered them for s^{d} Expedition; upon which the Inhabitants of Mechias Met and ordered their Committee to withhold & Detain all s^{d} Stores, Arms and accoutrements for

the Support and Defence of that place, they are accordingly Detained — I also apply^{d} to Coll^{n} Eddy and Capt Nathan Smith for all the money which they had Receiv^{d} of s^{d} Brig^{r} Warner for Bounties to the men raised for said Expedition; which remains unexpended for that use. Rec^{d} as Follows viz of Co^{ll} Eddy 21 14 0

D° By the hand of Col^{ll} John Wait of Falmouth	117	18
of Capt Nathan Smith	565	10
	£705	2

Which Sums I have paid into the Treashurey of this State agreable to order

Tim^{y} Newell

In Council Sepr 11′ 1777

Read & Sent down with a Letter from Brig^{r} Genl Warner accompanying the same

Jn° Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Septr 11 1777

Read and committed to the Committee on the Letters from Machias —

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spk^{r}

In Council Sepr 11′ 1777

Read & Concurred Jn° Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honble the Council & the Honble House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay

Humbly shew your Petitioners in behalf of the East Precinct in the Town of Pownalborough, That in March A D 1775 said Precinct (according to their Usage since said Precinct was Incorporated) made Choice of two Collectors to collect the Precinct Tax for that year, one of whom is one Roger Smith who refused to serve, & by Reason of the Common Calamities of the Times and the suspension of Law was not proceeded against as the law directs or a Fine

recoverd of him, and that that part of the Tax which he was to collect, has not as yet been collected, and your Petitioners humbly conceive cannot without the Aid of the General Court, Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honors that said Precinct may be impowered to call a Meeting & to choose a Collector in the Stead of the said Smith, & that he may be impowered to collect that part of the Precinct Tax said Smith was to have collected, and the Money inure to the Use for which it was granted. Your Petitioners would further inform your Honors that said East Precinct has lately been divided into two Precincts by the name of the East & North Precincts, and that the Act that incorporates said North Precinct expressly enjoins them to pay all Moneys assessed upon them to the Time of Incorporation, and that the uncollected Tax aforesaid is due from said North Precinct to the Minister of the East Parish aforesaid, wherefore your Petitioners pray the Advisement of your Honors in this Matter, and that said East Precinct may be Meeting & choose a Collector for the purpose aforesaid or otherwise relieve us as your Honors in your Wisdom shall see fit and in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Tho. Rice
Michael Sevey } Committee
John Huse

N. B. Since the meeting for the within Purpose we hear that s^d East Precinct is divided into two by the name of North and South, and as the Money is due to the south from the North, therefore it is that we pray your honors, to impower the south Precinct &c.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Septr 12, 1777

Resolved that the South Precinct in the Town of Pownalborough be and hereby is impowered to call a meeting of the

Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Precinct (Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) to Choose a Collector in the Stead of Roger Smith who was chosen by s^d^ Precinct in March A. D. 1775 one of the Collectors of said Precinct & who afterwards refused to serve, hereby fully impowering such Collector who shall be Chosen at said Meeting in stead of said Smith, to Collect all such Taxes as remain uncollected by reason of the said Smiths refusing to Serve & to do all other Matters which a Collector chosen at the annual Meeting in the Month of March ought legally do

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker pro Tem

In Council Sep. 12th 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Sec^y^

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
B Greenleaf	Benj Austin	H Gardner
T Cushing	Jabez Fisher	S Holten
John Taylor	Danl Davis	N Cushing
Tim^o^ Danielson	I Palmer	B White

Letter from Francis Shaw. Sept. 13, 1777.

To the Honble Committee of both Houses, on the Memorial of Alex^r^ Campbell & Fra^s^ Shaw J^r^— your Memorialists would propose for your Honors Consideration the Following for stationing a number of Soldiers within the bounds of the Sixth Regiment in the County of Lincoln —

suppose that your Honors should order two hundred & fifty Men Exclusive of said Regiment to be station'd at Machias, as that appears to be the main Object of the Enemy at present,

with 3 or 5 p^{s} of Cannon as your Honors may think proper — then, as the other parts are equally Exposed, (tho' not so much Noticed at present by the Enemy) should your Honors think fit to order one Fourth of said Regiment to be Drafted & put under pay they would not only serve as Guards for the Sea coast, which is equally necessary but be ready to march to the Assistance of any place, and the Remainder of Militia may be ready to take their Guards while absent, We beg leave to Informe your Honors that the Circumstances of the Regiment is Such that unless some are put in pay and provissions Deposited in proper places it will be Imposible for them to March Immediatly on Alarm — We would not presume to prescribe Rules to your Honors, but as we are particularly acquainted with the Situation of both the Country & Inhabitants, we Conclude that your Honors will not be offended at our taking the Liberty to propose the foregoing — We are with all due Respect & Esteem —

Your Honors Most Hum^{le} Serv^{ts}

Alex^{r} Campbell
Fra: Shaw J^{r}

To His Excell^{y} Genl Ward
Boston 13th Septr 1777

Petition of the Selectmen of Harpswell: Read Oct. 13 ['77]
Ordered to lie. [on the table]

To the Honourable Council & Honourable House of Representatives at Boston in General Court Assembled We your Humble Petitioners Humbly Sheweth

That Supposing there is a heavie Tax Approaching we Look upon it our Duty to the Town for which we act, to Make our Humble address to the Honourable Court for Some Consideration or Abatment thereof and the Reasons we Give are

Viz First that since the Last Valluation there has been Mov'd from Harpswell Forty Two Men chiefly men of Considerable Estates who have Cary^{d} all their Personal Estates with Them and their Real Estates but Very Little Income by Reasons of so many men in the Continental Service which is more than our Proportion for some of them have Left their Places not Sold and the Towns to which they have gone are (Viz) —

Thirteen to Thomaston in the County of Lincoln Twelve to the Border of Boardwinham who are Tax^{d} there & Eight to Royalsborrough who we believe have been heretofore Tax^{d} at Brunswick & Six to Brunswick —

Secondly that at the Destruction of Falmouth we Laying on the Sea and Harpswell being a Neck of Land and an Island Very Much Expos^{d} the Melissia Came in from Several Towns to our Relief if we shou^{d} be Attack^{d} and have Billited by order of the Selectmen of this Town to the Vallue of a Considerable Some and we have beg^{d} the Patience of Those who Billited Said Melissia from Time to Time but must Pay it the Ensuing Year

Thirdly as the Lumber is almost all gone & fishery & foreign Commerce Ceasing many of us have not on Quarter the Chance of geting Paper money that they had formerly of giting Silver

Fourthly we are Very Much Oppres^{d} with Poor who have been for years Past half or more as Much charge as the Maintainance of our Minister, We Pray your Honours wou^{d} Take into your Wise consideration the Above Reasons & make us Some abatment of our Tax and make us some Consideration for our Taxes for Years Past, for which we Your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Harpswell Sep^{t} ye 13th 1777

William Sylvester }
Anthony Coombs } Selectmen

Letter to Ambroise & the other Indians under Col. Allen.

Council Chamber Boston Sepr 15, 1777.

Friends & Brethren —

We have been informd of your Valor & good Conduct in opposing the Enemy in the Attack they lately made on the settlement at Machias, and the Intelligence has afforded us much satisfaction — If our Enemies woud return home & leave us to enjoy our own habitations in peace, it woud be best for us and for them too — We have no desire to injure or molest them, and if they had the same disposition toward us all woud be well — They have begun & carried on a cruel & unjust War against us, without any provocation on our part, and so long as they continue it We are determined to oppose them, humbly trusting that the Great God whose Kingdom ruleth over all, and who will finally bring down every proud Oppressor will defeat all their wicked purposes against us —

We have the pleasure to inform you that our Troops under General Stark have gained a very signal Victory over the Enemy and another Division of their Army at Fort Stanwix has been made to fly before our people after suffering a very great loss The State of our Affairs both at the southward northw^{d} is at this Time more agreeable and promising than it has been since the beginning of the War — We have sent sundry Stores to Col Allen so that he may be the better able to supply You with such things as you need and we shall endeavor for the future to afford you the best supplys in our power, hoping that the friendship which subsists between us will alway continue to our mutual comfort & Advantage —

To Ambroise & the other Indians acting under Col Allen
Machias

To the Honble Board of War, Boston.

Pownalboro. 15 Sepr 1777

Sir,

About one of the clock in the morning on the tenth of this ins^{t} Sir George Coller Came up this River with the Ship Rainbo as far as A place Cauld the Cross river About five miles below this point. it being Very fogey and darke he Sent of two Boats up the River After Your Ship Gruel with 40 men which Lay About 9 miles further up the Boats Came up undiscoverd and got on bord Your Ship About Son Rise. About A week before this hapend I had Sent Up to Your Ship a 3 pounder which was Landed and Mov^{d} 40 Rods from the Shore and deliverd Capt Proctor 8 Small Armes for him to defend Your Ship but the Enemy, getting on board Undiscoverd prevented his Making Use of them they Sent a Shore and took of the 3 pounder. Capt. Proctor & his 2 Mats & Boteswan being on Board were maid prisoners the Cook being on Shore Over night was going on Board About half an hower After the Enemi discoverd them and Maid his Escape to the first House where they fired an Alarme and Sent of to the point to informe Me of it I Emeadeately on Notice went to Major Hewes and desiard him to muster the militia to defend Your Ship but he Refusd I took my horse wride Up to Your Ship and found that the Enemy had Spike deal planck Man hight on that Side of Your Ship next the Shore and that the people were geeting togeather to prevent them Removing her. I Returned to the point as Quick as possible and sent up the Other 3 pounder with 15 Round for it I Stopt at the point to take Care of the Sails which was in My Store but with much difficulty I got them Removd — About 12 O Clock the Ship Rainbo Came up the River an Ankord in Wiscaset Bay before the point Sir Georg Sent A Flag on Shore and demanded Your Ship Gruel her Riging Sails all the Mast in the River and the two 3 pounders.

Thomas Rice Esqr being one of the Committee Receivd the flag and was for Complying with Sir George's demand and did what in him lay to discourag the people from defending Your Ship teling the people that if they deliverd her Up it wood not be three Copers A Man his and woods party adheard to his Advise which ware the bigest part of the people then at the point Said Rice answerd Sir Georg him Self and beg^{d} to have till the Next Morning to Give him a final answer but was on board twice that day Confering with him Rice went Up the River in the Evening to indeavour with his jisuitical Smoothness to perSwaid the people thens to deliver Up Your Ship or at least not to defend her but he Rec^{d} an Answer that was proper for honist and brave men to give —

the Enemy left Your Ship in the Evening (it being very dark) in there Boats. the Militia Keep a Continual fire on them with there Small armes but did them but little damage Excep^{t} Wounding one man there Boat was fixet with hamocks Musket proof which was the reason of there Escaping with So Little damag there was More than 200 Musket Balls Shot into there hamocks which the Enemy pick^{d} out the next day What the Enemy took out of Your Ship as also what ower people took out of her after the Enemy Left her is Menchend in the inclosd Acc^{t} the Enemy went in So much feare that they Left the 3 pounder Loaded on the Deck. Sir Georg the Next Morning Lowerd his haughty demand and Offerd to Leave the River without Committing any further hostillities if the people would Not fire on him. Col^{n} Jones who had got to the point took the Command and demanded a Schooner that Sir Georg had taken and was then under his Stern and Capt. proctor and the other prisoners taken in the River which Sir Georg Complied with and Left the River on them Conditions. Your Ship Gruel is Something damag^{d} by the 3 pounders which were fired at her

while the Enemy was on Board. the Main Mast is Spoilt by A Shot going throu it two of the Sails Menchand in the inclosd ware Stole from a house I removd them to for feare of the Enemy. I have Surplied the Militia with as Much or More powder & Bawls than they fired Away which I Bot that day the Enemy was on Board Your Ship to defend her I also Surplied them with provitions Col^{n} Jones will inform You of Every Other perticular the Militia Expect a Salvag for driving the Enemy from Your Ship. You will determin Respecting that as You think proper The Ship was not on Mannd and when the Enemy Left her they Left the Secon^{t} Mate on Board and Brought the people on Bord in the Boats. I have Rec^{d} the things Sent by Capt. Brown in Your Spry Schooner. the Rice is something damagd being wet I shall want Sum more Money. My Acc^{t} for the Cargo and Expences Amount to more than Eight hundred and forty Pound Allready I have Surpld Capt Proctor with More than an hundred Pounds I Should be glad You Could Send me by Col^{n} Jons the Bearer of this One hundred and fifty pounds Your Ship will be Loaded this week Sir Georg Carried off 4 Mast that Sum of the Enimical party turnd Adrift to them from My wharfe. My Letter is Sumthing Confusd being wrote in A hurry Col^{n} Jones being waiting I Close with Menchening that had all the Enimical Persons we are trobl with been on Board Your Gard Ship in Boston the 40 men that Boarded Your Ship Must Unavoidably fell into Ower hand.

I am with Respct Your Most Humble Servant

Timothy Parsons

To the Honourable the Great & General Court of the Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of a party of Officers & Men of the third

Regiment of Militia in the county of Lincoln: Humbly sheweth

That the Militia in said Regiment being Situated in one of those Stations that are most especially expos'd to the violence of our unnatural enemies have been Subjected to peculiar hardships ever since the commencement of the present war; The frequent appearance of the enemies Ships at Townsend and elsewhere have call'd them out on alarm at the distance of Short intervals of time; The general Scarcity of bread & other stores has disabled many from carrying to the field with them the provisions necessary for their Subsistance while on the service & thereby others have been greatly oppressd both in labour & expence; and so long as the Legislators thinks proper to allow neither rations nor pay to the Melitia in such service this circumstance will necessarily fall as a heavier burthen on a country so exposed to danger & at the same time so far remote & so effectually excluded from its wonted resources of the necessaries of life.

That these hardships however have grown into intolerable grievances in the present year; the removal of the Seacoast guards (whose very name proved a terror to the enemy & a real defence to the country) having effectually invited the descents of every wanton invader; their Frigates consequently made visits to expos'd places within the bounds of this regiment in the course of this summer, more frequently than they had thro' all the war besides; Townsend harbour having been visited twice by the Milford — once by the Ambuscade, & lately by the Rainbow & Hope which lay Eight days close up to the Town, Permaquid has also been visited by the Hope; & Sheepscut river by the Milford & the Rainbow:— all this having taken place in the season, added to the continual terror that obliges the people in the most expos'd parts to keep watch by night even when no enemy is to be seen, have greatly harris'd the Melitia of said regiment

& if continued Much longer, threatens to reduce them to extremity that must cut of the possibility of their serving their country, or providing Sustinance for themselves & their families; unless some means are speedily devis'd by our Government for their support or defence your memorialists see no alternative but to desert the country fall an easy prey into the hands of men whoes tenderest Mercies are cruelty therefore notwithstanding some repulses which their petions have receivd from this Honourable court already when offer'd by committees and delegates chosen by them and the rest of the western parts of the country for that purpose: your Memorialists are of necessity obliged to Lay them selves at the feet of your Honours & earnestly intreat you no longer to be deaf to their Just complaints nor abandon this part of the State helpless unprotected orphan to the will of men that threaten ere-long either to make it all their own, or leave it in ruins; but take their case into your wise consideration & make some equal provision for the support and defence of this part of the State, as for the rest in Just proportion to danger that & importance that (if not soon) will surely be felt if it is lost — your Memorialists would further beg leave to subjoin that on the morning of wednesday the tenth of this instant at sunrise two armed boats belonging to the Rainbow man of war took possession of the mast ship Grual Comand by Joseph Procter with himself his mates Boates & two others with one piece of Cannon the said ship having part of her cargo on board — that the said Regiment being soon alarmed — Part thereof that lived most convenient were emediately muster'd and under the Command of their colonal attack'd the said ship, and about ten at Night of the same day after a hot fire of some considerable duration beat the enemy from their possessions, & took the vessel & cannon & the next day with the assistance of others who were flocking to their relief, oblig'd Sir George Collier to resign the

said prisoners with the Vessel he had seas'd — your Memorialists are not ignorant that part of said prize by the order of congress & the Laws of this state falls to the share of the recapters — nor what measures they might pursue to realize the same; but from the sincerest disposition to promote the publick interest — they were not willing to delay the loading of said Ship untill the several steps in such a proces could be finishd and, therefore resolve not to Libel her in the Marritime Court untill they had first laid the matter before your Honors; & that this might be done in the most respectful manner possible — your Memorialist have prevail'd on their commanding officer to wait on the Honorable Court with this information; nothing doubting but that your Honours will be found readily disposd to make such satisfaction to them as to Justice shall appertain & humbly assuring you that any proposial befitting the Wisdom & Honour of the Honorable Court shall be chearfully complied with on the part of your Memorialists who, as in duty bound shall ever pray

Signed by order & in behalf of the officers & men, of a party of the third Regiment of Melitia in the County of Lincoln — William Jones Colonal & Commander of said party

Newcastle Septr 15th 1777

State of Massachusetts Bay September 16, 1777. The Committee of both houses to whom was referrd the Consideration of the letters from John Allan Esq. and Others from Machias, have attended that Service and Beg leave to report the following Resolves

Artemas Ward p order: —

Resolved that Three hundred men including officers be immediately Raised By inlistment in the Eastern parts of this State; To the Eastward of the County of Cumberland,

and formed into three Companies consisting of 100 men Each Including officers Each Company to be commanded by one Captain one first Lie^{t} one Second Lie^{t} and one Ensign, the whole to be commanded by Lie^{t} Colonel Phineas Nevers & Major George Stillman and that they be commissioned accordingly and the whole to be Stationed at Machias and to Continue in Service to the last day of December next unless sooner discharged.

It is also Resolved that one hundred Stand of fire Armes be lodged in the hands of Lie^{t} Colonel Nevers to be taken out of those now there belonging to this State to be by him (in case of necessity) delivered to such of the Militia in that part of this State as shall assemble at Machias on an alarm and shall be destitute of Firearms, the said Nevers to be accountable for the same.

Resolved that two Nine pounders and one six pounder with fifty pounds of Powder and Ball for Each be sent to Machias and delivered to Lie^{t} Colonel Nevers commanding officer there, with Five hundred weight of Powder and fifteen hundred weight of Musquet Balls and one thousand flints for the use of the Garrison in that place.

Resolved that John Allan Esq. be and hereby is appointed Colonel to Command the Indians in the Eastern parts of this State and the Council is hereby directed to Commissionate him accordingly. And it is further Resolved that John Allan Esq be & he is hereby authorized to take into the service and pay of this State Such and so many of the Eastern Indians as he shall be able to procure & think proper

Resolved that the men that shall Enter the service aforesaid under Lie^{t} Colonel Nevers and such Indians as shall enter the Service aforesaid under said Allan, shall have the same pay and subsistence that the Continental Army have, and that Capt Dyer & Capt West companys who went to St Johns with John Allan Esq. have the same

Pay and Subsistance And that the Militia who marched to Machias to the late attack there be allowed the same pay that the Militia have had in Similar Cases.

Resolved that a Truck house be furnished at Machias with the following Articles for the Supply of the Indians (viz) [here follows a list of provisions, cloathing, ammunition &c] and that they be all delt out to the Indians at the most reasonable terms possible by the Truckmaster. And also that a letter be addressed to the Indian Chief thanking him and them for their gallant Behavour and friendly aid at Machias in the late attack there and to Congratulate them on account of the Success of their and our armes in that Quarter.

Resolved that John Allan Esq. be and he hereby is permitted to write a letter to his father & such other persons in Nova Scotia as he shall think proper to secure his family & others to be conveyed from thence to some part of this State.

Resolved that the Board of War be and hereby is directed to convey Such quantity of Provision to Machias as will be Sufficient with what is already there belonging to this State to Supply the men Ordered there by these Resolves to the last day of December next, and to replace the Provision borrowed of the Inhabitants for the St Johns Expedition and not yet paid, and also furnish the Truckhouse and Lie^{t} Colonel Nevers agreeable to the foregoing Resolves.

Resolved that the Council of this State be and hereby are desired to appoint and Commissionate the Officers and give out Inlisting orders accordingly for the 300 men aforesaid & send Nine Blank Commissions to John Allan Esq. for three Indian Captains and Six Indian Lieutenants to be by him filled up and given to such Indians as he shall think proper, that shall enter into the Service of this State

Resolved that Lt Coll. Nevers appoint to the Troops to be raised & Stationed at Machias as afores^{d} one good Surgeon upon the pay & subsistence of Surgeons in the Continental

Army & that the Board of War be directed to supply him with Medicines

In Council Sepr 16, 1777

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Sept. 16, 1777

Read and accepted as amended with the following addition viz — "And whereas there are at Machias two Companies under the command of Captains West and Dyer, who have done duty and behaved well in the late Action at Machias — Therefore Resolved — That the said Companies be compleated to the number first directed for them, and remain for the same Term of Time, and on the same Establishment as are provided for the three hundred Men mentioned above, and be under the command of Lieut. Coll. Nevers."

Sent up for Concurrence J. Warren Spkr

In Council Sepr 16' 1777

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
A Fuller	B Greenleaf	Tim^{o} Danielson
Danl Davis	S Holten	B White
D Hopkins	H Gardner	Benj Austin
John Taylor	N Cushing	I Palmer

To the Honble the Council and Assembly of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of Jonathan Eddy Most Humbly Sheweth That having made out the Regimental abstract from the Pay Roles of Several of the Captains here present belonging to the Reg^{t} lately ordered to the River St Johns under the Command of your Memorialist, agreeable to Orders received

from Brig^{d} General Warner, and the Officers and men now waiting on Expence to receive their Money; Which by Instructions to General Heath Should be Delivered to the Pay Master of the Reg^{t} But as the Pay Master of this Reg^{t} is at Machias the General has Recommended it to Solisit Your Honours to Signify to him what method he Shall proceed in to releave your Memorialist his Officers and men in their present Exigence

He therefore Prays Your Hon^{rs} to take the Matter into Your wise Consideration and act as in Wisdom you Shall See Meet and for Yo^{r} &c

Boston Septr 17th 1777 Jon^{a} Eddy

In Council Sepr 17, 1777

Read & Ordered — That it be & hereby is recommended to the Honble Major Genl Heath to pay the Reg^{t} Abstracts belonging to the Reg^{t} lately Ordered to the River S^{t} Jn^{os} to Col^{o} Jonathan Eddy for the Use of the Rg^{t} Pay Master to said Reg^{ts} who is now at Machias —

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council Septr 17, 1777

Whereas Colonel John Allan is Appointed to the Chief Command of the Eastern Indians that now are or that may soon be taken into the Service and pay of this State, And it appearing to this Court that it will greatly promote the Service of the United American States; to have the same person Commander of the Troops ordered to be Raised by the Resolve of yesterday and Stationed at Machias, that is appointed over the Indians Therefore

Resolved that John Allan Esqr be and he hereby is appointed Colonel of the Troops Ordered to be raised and Stationed at

Machias by the Resolve of yesterday and he is hereby directed and Impowered to Receive all the Stores directed to be delivered to Lie^{t} Colonel Phineas Nevers by the afores^{d} Resolve and the Board of War are hereby directed to Govern themselves accordingly. And the Council are desired to Commissionate the said Allan agreeably to this Resolve

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Sept. 17, 1777

Read & Concurred

J Warren Spk^{r}

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
T Cushing	I Palmer	John Taylor
S Holten	H Gardner	Tim^{o} Danielson
Benj Austin	D Hopkins	Moses Gill
N Cushing	Oliver Prescott	A Fuller

Boston 18th Sep^{t} 1777

Honble Gentlemen

I take this Earliest oppertunity to return you my hearty thanks for the Honor you did me in appointing me Lt Col^{o} of the Battalion Intended to be Rais^{d} under the Command of Coll^{o} Eddy, & more especially for your late appointment as Lt Col^{o} over the Troops ordered to be Rais^{d} for the defence of Machiaus I hope I shall be able to Conduct my Self in Such a manner as will give Satisfaction to your Honors & the Publick

being oblig^{d} by the tools of Tyranny either to acknowledge George the third of Grate Briton my Rightfull Lord & Sovereign & bare Arms against my Brethren of the united States when they pleas^{d} or leave my Family & Interest at their tender mercies (which is Cruelty) I chose the Latter — & have been Several months Expending the little

Cash I Brought of with me I am now Rather short of that article & am to beg that your Honors would be pleas^{d} to lend me such Small Sum as may be Necessary in accomplishing the Business your honors have been or may be pleas^{d} to appoint me to do & you will again Much Oblige Your Honors Most Humble Servt

To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Phineas Nevers

In Council Sepr 22^{d} 1777

Read & sent down

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Joseph Noyes Commasary for the Forces Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elisabeth in the County of Cumberland —

Humbly sheweth that he has Expended all the money he recvd out of the Treasury for the use of said Forces & now Stands need of a further sum to furnish them with Beef &c therefore pray your Honours to give him a warrant on the Treasurer for such a sum as your Honors shall Judge necessary —

Joseph Noyes

Boston September 19th 1777

In Council Sept. 23^{d} 1777 Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £400 in favor of Joseph Noyes Esqr for the Purpose above mentioned —

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Septr 19, 1777.

You being appointed Lie^{t} Colonel under Colonel Allan who is appointed to the Command of Such men as shall be

raised in consequence of the Resolves of the General Court of the 16 Instant and said Allan being at such distance that its not practicable for him to be acquainted with the matter seasonably, Therefore you are hereby directed to deliver beating orders to the following Persons viz Benj[a] Lemont of Georgetown, Capt. Car Barker of Pownalboro 1 Liet John Mathews Thomastown Tho[s] Buller Georgetown Ensign

You will Commission for a Capt 1st Liets 2 Liet & Ensign such persons in Waldoboro as Justice Thomas Calef Favers and shall recommend you will appoint & Commission as first Liet in a Company Joseph Coplisly (?) Warren and you will Commissionate such persons for Cap[t], 1 Liet. 2 Liet and Ensign for the Eastward of Thomaston as Colonel Minot shall advise to enlist

& direct them to Raise three Companies for the Service mentioned in the Resolves herewith delivered unto you, and to march them under proper officers to Machias as fast as raised there to receive and follow such orders as they shall from time to time Receive from Col. Allan — You will take care that this Business is performed without loss of time, as a delay may be attended with disagreeable consequences.

Lie[t] Colonel Nevers

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council Sept[r] 19, 1777

Whereas it is highly Expedient that all bodies of men Assembled in Arms and Stationed at any place for length of time, should be supplied with a Chaplain Therefore

Resolved, that the Rev[d] James Lyon Minister of the Gospel at Machias Be and he hereby is appointed Chaplain to the Troops Ordered to be Raised and Stationed at Machias under the Command of Colonel John Allan, during the time the said Troops shall Continue in the Service, aforesaid; The

said Chaplain to be allowed & paid Nine Pounds per Kalender month and three Rations per day during his Continuance in said Service.

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Septr 22d 1777

Read & Concurred

John Pitts Speaker pro Tem

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	R Derby
B Greenleaf	S Holten	Moses Gill
B White	John Taylor	Benj Austin
John Whitcomb	Josiah Stone	A Fuller

Petition of a number of Towns in ye County of Lincoln — with Resolve of the House thereon Sepr 20′ 1777

To the Honble the Council & the Honble House of Representatives, for the State of Massachusetts Bay in New England in General Court Assembled —

May it Please your Honours —The Petition of the Committees of Safety, Correspondence and Inspection, for the severall Towns of Georgetown, Pownalborough, Edgecomb, Bristol, Boothbay, & Woolwich, in the County of Lincoln, in Behalf of the Town of Boothbay, and the Places adjacent, Humbly Shews —

That the Rainbow man of war, commanded by Sr George Collier, together with severall other Arm'd Vessells lately Came into the Harbour of Boothbay, & took possession thereof, and while there Shipt and Carried off from severall of the Inhabitants of these parts, a Considerable Number of their Cattle, Sheep, swine & poultry, & other Necessarys,

and water'd their vessells and while they lay there, made prizes of & carried away a Number of Vessells belonging to these states, to the Number of Fifteen or twenty, they also while they lay there threatned the Inhabitants to return with Sufficient Force, & Conquer or Destroy all before them, thereby putting the Inhabitants in great Terror, we have also the Deposition of a Person on Oath, who was Captivated by them, that their intention was to return in about a Fortnight or three weeks, and sweep all before them, and as we doubt not their intention is to make the harbour of Boothbay a Place of Rendezvous for their Ships, not only the Town of Boothbay, but the whole Eastern County, & this State must suffer exceedingly, it is needless to mention every Particular as your Honours must be sensible of the Consequences, should they be suffered to obtain their Ends.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Honors would grant us some immediate relief in the Premises, by granting us six pieces of Cannon, Viz^{t} two twelve pounders, two Nine pounders, and two six pounders, with a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition &c for the same and that a Company of fifty men exclusive of Officers with one good engineer to manage the same may be Stationed at Boothbay for the Defence thereof, and the places adjacent, and that none of the Inhabitants of Boothbay may be included in said Company, and that said Company be paid and Victual'd by the State, Your Petitioners also pray, that if any of the Neighboring places should be invaded the Commanding Officer may have Liberty to remove such of the Cannon as may be thought proper heither for their Relief — and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray, &c —

Signed by order & in Behalf of s^{d} Committees

Ja^{s} McCobb Chairman

In the House of Representatives Sept. 19, 1777

Read & thereupon Ordered That Coll Orne & Mr Gray

with such as the Hon. Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the same & report

Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pro temp

In Council Sep^{t} 19$^{\prime}$ 1777

Read & Concurred and Artemas Ward Esq. is joined

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Mechias Septr 22^{ond} 1777

Sir

I wrote you of the 17th & 27th Ult^{mo} the former By Col^{o} Campbell the Latter by Maj^{r} Newell, I hope the Hono^{ble} Board has Seen the Contents since which I have had the Honour of Receiving Your Obliging & Kind favor of the 19th Ult^{o} Advizing me of the Generous Resolve of the Hono^{ble} Court in Ordering a Company of the Troops Lately Intended for Nova Scotia to be Stationed in this District & that in Consequence of Some Letters receiv'd from me, I Cannot but Acknowledge with Dutifull respect & Gratitude the Attention which the Hono^{ble} Court is pleased to pay to the Indian Department & in perticular my Safety, was there no Other Motive to prompt me to a Vigilent Exertion in Discharging my duty to the States, their Acts of Kindness & Condesention must Impress Such a sense of Gratitude on my Mind as to stimulate, (if possible) a more Close attention to the business of my Department as well as Such Other Matters as fall in my way as the Interest of the United States may Require —

Since my Last Letter we have been Continually upon the Wing & harres'd by Diffrient Inteligence Respecting the Enemy — But upon the Whole we have receiv'd Authentic Acc^{ts} of their Intentions, the Last Came by Docter Rice who

arrived yesterday from Cumberland with two young men Whome I sent. when at the River St Johns — that Express Orders had Come from Lord & General How to Distroy the Settlements of Mechias, as its Lying so Adjacent to Nova Scotia which now was the Only Asylem for the Royalest, was Lyable to be distressd, as also it woud be of Service in Making an Inrode into the Eastern Country, Accordingly 5 Ships of War with 800 Regular Troops besides what Millitia Coud be Rais^{d} was Collected to Gether for the Expedition, But — Sir George Collier of the Rainbow thinking the Place Weak made the Attempt before the Whole force Came, with what Marines he had on Board Since their Defeat here, they gote all Colected together at St Johns with flatt Bottom Boats to Attack at Diff^{t} parts, so that we are in Daily Expectation of them, a Large Ship has Laid there some days at the mouth of the River, but so that Vessels pass in the night

the Militia has come in from diff^{t} parts so that I imagine there is now about 350 Men including Indians, who have erected a number of Breast Works & Batterys, & every one seems Ditermind to Defend to the Last. But things Goes on very Irregular & Uncertain, Militia men very Discontented & the Troops which we have Latly Inlisted Being Under no Regular Command will not Obey. things Cannot be done with that presision regularity & Econemy as is Required for the Interist of the States — for my own part I have taken upon me to Encourage the Defending this place, & promis many things that may be Disapprovd of. two hundred of our men under proper Order & Decepline, woud be of more service than 600 as they now are — I am sometimes afraid the Britons will Carry their point in Distroying the place if they do not take a stand — the Hon^{o} Board will be the best Judges of the Consequence of this —

Expenses at present is Great & more so Because of not

having things upon a permanent footing — I am anxious still to Gete among the Micmacks. Yet I Cannot think of Leaving this Distress'd place till I see the Event or Ordered Other ways

the Letter which Came to Colo[l] Eddy it being on Public service I recommended to Major Stillman to Open, where we found some Blank Commissions; had our Situation been more peacble, I woud have advised them to be Immediately filld up. But the Appointing Such Officers as might be thought Necessary woud give Umbrage to others who might So Influence the men as to Occation disturbence which at present appears Our business to prevent. Besides it is thought requisite to delay filling them up at present, as the Orders Comes so Immediately to Colo[l] Eddy who had the Offer of the Command —

The Indians I still keep, & have Reason to believe no people will Defend the Libertys of America better — I have recie[d] a Second Intiligence from the Mickmacks with tokens of Friendship. They are also Assembled together waiting for a Conference with me Ditermining not to Give any Satisfaction till they See me should I be Ordered otherwise, I Expect a Body of them here —

The Penobscut Indians are Constantly here making heavy Complaint of Imposition & Extorsions, & Insists upon being Connected with the Other Tribes. Shoud the Honb[le] Court Authorise me I will give my attendence, as I have not a Commission immediatly from Congress Supposing at that time they were Under some other regulation with This State

I find there is a french merchant setled at the Head of Penobscut with a British Commission to Treat with the Indians he uses every Art & Mean to Turn them — they have had Many suplys, from him & I fear given much Inteligence from time to time —

We have recievd Inteligence from Cumberland that Certain

Accts had Arrivd, boath publick as well as private from England that the Parliament of Brittain by the Clamor out of Doors where almost Eaqual in opposition. Threats hove out publickly, thro' the kingdom that a Revolt will take place — Gene[l] How sent positive Demands for 50,000 men with every thing Conformable or he must Give up the point In answer to which he was told he must do what he Coud with those he had, for men was not to be had & the Interposition of the French woud prevent any foreign Troops, that war was declard between the Turks & Russians, a French Ship of Sixteen guns was taken & Carried into Halifax they Treated the Cap[n] Very Harsh & Cruel, threatening to put him in Irons for Supplying the Rebels, he told them they might do as they pleas'd but that the French were ditermind to suply, and in a short time it was probable they woud See White Coulars off the Harbour no news papers permited to go abroad but to perticular people Consequently none is brought,— the garrison at Cumberland is very weak. Gorham is to be brought to a Court Martial for being so favourable to the Famleys, he has Indeed acted the part of a Humane Good man 30 of the Militia every Week is Drove into the Garrison then does all the drugery of the Soldiers Petitions have been presented by the Yorckshire men & several officers to take all the Famelys into the Fort as Hostiges — but Goreham Treated it with that Contempt it Deserved the whole provience is in Confusion Trouble & Anguish no one dare speak the Name of their Dearest Relation —

my Own familey has by the assistance of Divine providence made out to Gete so farr. but her Treatment is Cruel & Severe foresaken By those who I Expected woud have helped her, for fear of being Ruined themselves, my proceedings in these parts has Brought on the Most Keenest resentment & Ditermind Vengence Against me Consiquently those Concernd with me is Treated with rigor & severity. I coud very

Easely have remov'd my family this sumer but the Necessity of my Close attention to the Business of the Indians prevented it — my mind at present has become burthend with Trouble about them, & I Cannot think of Leaveing them there Another winter as they must perish I must pray the Hono^bl Board will give me Liberty to allow me to Employ & send some persons to gete them away —

I must Once more pray the Hono^ble Board to Give some attention to my two Last Letters & woud recommend (as a sincear Friend to the United States) that those parts be secured with the Utmost Expedition, & Defended from the Encroachment of our Bloody Enemy, who has Declar'd their determination to Destroy man Woman & Child — I have the Honor to be with the most profound Respect

Your most Obedient much Obliged & Devoted servent

J Allan

Major Stillman has Just Acquainted me that there will be a necessity of Giving out the Commissions and of Holding Court Martial which is much wanting. shall advise him to Do it with the persons to be appointed

The Committee of both Houses on the foregoing Petition have attended that Service & beg Leave to report by Way of Resolve

Resolved that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to send to the Committee of Boothbay they to be accountable for the same two nine & two six Pound Iron Cannon with Carriages & Implements compleat & fifty round of Powder & Ball for each piece

And it is further resolved that a Company of Fifty Men to be commanded by one Captain & two Lieutenants be raised in any Part of the Eastern Parts of this State &

stationed at Booth Bay & to continue in Service untill the last Day of Decem^{r} next unless sooner discharged by Order of this Court to receive the same Pay & Subsistance as are allowed the other Sea Coast Companies in the Pay & Service of this State —

And it is further resolved that a Commissary be appointed by this Court to purchase and issue Provisions to the s^{d} Company

In Council Sep^{t} 20^{t} 1777

Read & sent down

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Sept 22^{d} 1777

Read & accepted Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speak^{r} pro Tem

In Council Sept 22^{d} 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	Moses Gill
Benj Austin	John Taylor	John Whitcomb
Fra Dana	S Holten	R Derby
Danl Davis	A Fuller	Josiah Stone

In the House of Representatives Sept. 22, 1777

Whereas Brigadier Jotham Moulton bargained & sold a Tract of Land to Esias Prebble, and a piece of salt marsh to one Joseph Shaw, but did not execute Deeds thereof in his Life Time. It is therefore resolved that Joanna Moulton and Nicholas Sewall admin^{rs} of said Jotham's Estate be and hereby are Authorized and impowered to Execute Deeds of the said Lands & Marsh to the said Prebble and Shaw

respectively their Heirs & assigns pursuant to the memorandums Subscribed by the said Jotham in his life Time, and the conveyances that may be executed by the said Adm^{r} in pursuance of this Resolution shall be deemed and taken as good and Valid in the Law to convey the said Jotham's right therein, as tho' the said Jotham had made and executed Deeds thereof in his life Time any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker pro Tem

In Council Sepr 22^{d} 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
B Greenleaf	W Spooner	T Cushing
Jabez Fisher	John Taylor	Benj Austin
Moses Gill	S Holten	John Whitcomb
Danl Davis	Josiah Stone	A Fuller

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sept 22^{d} 1777

Resolved That there be a Bounty of three pounds paid to each non Commission'd Officer & Soldier who shall before the 15th of Octr next inlist into those Companies to be raised for the Defense of Machias & places adjacent exclusive of those Men already retaind & inlisted in the Service under the Command of Captains West & Dyer they having already received a Bounty And it is further Resolved, that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State [to] Col^{o} Phineas Nevers said Nevers to be accountable to this Court for ye expenditure of the same to be by him apply'd to the Payment

of the aforesaid Bountys & it is further Resolved that Coll° Allan is hereby Directed to Station those Men (raised & put under his Command) in such Places at & near Machias as he shall think most for the Safety & Defense of those Parts

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker pro Tem

In Council Sept. 22, 1777 Read & Concurred

Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	Jabez Fisher
John Taylor	H Gardner	Fra Dana
John Whitcomb	S Holten	R Derby
Moses Gill	Josiah Stone	A Fuller

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sepr 23, 1777.

On the petition of Benj. Titcomb, Joshua Freeman and Joseph Noyes, assessors of the parish tax in and for the first parish in Falmouth, in the County of Cumberland in the year 1776, setting forth, that they had omitted through forgetfulness to take the oath prescribed by law previous to assessing said tax; but have since made oath, that in their doings therein they had conducted in every respect as the law directs, & therefore praying an establishment of said tax or assessment —

Resolved, that the said tax or assessment be, & it hereby is declared as valid to all intents & purposes, as if the said assessors had taken the oath prescribed by law previous to their making the same, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pr temp

In Council Sep^{t} 23^{d} 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	B Greenleaf
W Spooner	John Whitcomb	R Derby
A Fuller	T Cushing	John Taylor
S Holten	Moses Gill	I Palmer
Danl Davis	Josiah Stone	
B. White	Jabez Fisher	

Mechias September 25th 1777

Sir

In Consequence of a Letter I received from Colonel Jonathen Lowther at Penobscut Last night, I am under the necessity to Trouble the Honble Board once more.

The Hon^{bl} Board may remember that in my Letter of the 18th of June from St Johns, I acquainted them of my having Entered into an agreement of Trade, with the Marisheete, Madawasqua, Medoctic & Passamaquady Tribes, with several Reasons for doing it in such a manner.

The Penobscut Tribe was not mentioned in my Commission, as I utterly refused it at Congress, supposing at that time, as it was so in the heart of the Country, that it was under the immediate Jurisdiction of the Gen^{ll} Court of this State, and they having such an Intercourse with the Inhabitants, I presumed that things were Carry'd on Reciprocaly, for the Interest of the States, as well as the Indians, therefore did not for sometime make any perticular Inquiry about them

Since my return from St Johns I have had several Conferences with the Penobscut Indians, one in perticular where we Exchanged several strings of Wampum, where I perceived

from what they said and other Authentic Accounts, that some of the most Diabolical proceedings had been Carry'd on, on that River, Great Embezzlements of Public Moneys, as well as Imposing on the Indians; which with the Close attention Mou^r Lunnei the British agent on the head of the River gave to his business, I saw the Body must be soon drawn of —

I used every Encourgement possible, and presum'd to Agree with them on the same futing, as I did with the other Tribes, which they immediately published on their Return to Penobscut, which seems to Occation some stirr, Mr Lowther writes the difficulty he is under by purchasing goods so dear

When I undertook the business, I supposed every Truck-house was properly furnished, & where there Coud be none & Indians settled, I Endeavour'd To Encourage the Indians to go where there was —

The Ad and Insinuations used by the Britains, requires us to use every mean possible to keep them, and am Conscious that notwithstanding the great outsets — that if Ecconemy & Care is used, and persons not too much bent upon Private profite, that the prises stated, with the high prises of Furrs on the Continent, will fully answer, or very Little short, Excepting where the Indians Gives their Close attendance to the service, which is the Case at present here — 35 familys are Encamped about 12 Miles of — the men keep Continually on duty for the Defence of this place, the familys no way to Subsist as the English — Consequently they must be at a far greater Expence, then when keep'd only a hunting —

I have wrote Mr Lowther on the matter & Recommended to procure necessarys upon such a futing as to do them Justice & procure & keep their friendship, and if not Countermanded before, I shoud be at Penobscut to have a Conference & settle the Diff^t matters

By the Latter End of October, I doubt not but he will

Lay a satesfactory Acct of things before the Honble Board, to Enable him to procure what will be necessary — Permit me again to Renew my solicitations, Earnestly requesting the Candid Oppinion & Advice of the Honble Board how they woud have the Indians fixed & settled & wether it is Agreeable to keep them in the service, or take them up in the Lakes, for the great Expence arising is a perpetual Trouble to me — tho I know the fatal Consequences if they are let Go —

I Gratefully acknowledge the Honble Courts Kindness in Passing a Resolve with respect of Debarring people from selling Liquor to the Indians, it has Answer'd the End in some degree, tho' not sufficiantly —

I must further Request that an Act may pass to prevent any person whatever (Truck Houses Excepted) from Trading any way whatever, under a greater penalty than what is fixed, pointing out the methods of prosecution, for I find the Indians daily selling property, which they have got from the Truck house, which keeps them daily demanding —

The detaining people from Trading with them will be of further service to the Inhabitants of this Eastern Country — for the Little petty Traders which Come along shore (I may say with propriety Pilfering) will not Dispose of the Neccessarys of Life, which is much wanted by the Inhabitants for paper Money. Because they Expect hard Money & furrs from the Indians By which, I have perceiv'd many in the greatest Distress.

The Enemy has not been with us yet, Are in hourly Expectations, and indeed if Coming this fall, I heartily wish it speedily, for in a few days our whole militia I Expect will leave us, to which time I fear Our Enemys are posponing their Bloody Intentions, to take us at a Disadvantage.

I wrote the 22^{d} Ins^{t} and sent it a few days ago, which I Expect will be Deliv^{d} with this —

I am in Truth & sincerity with the greatest duty & Respect Your Honours most Ob^{d} & very hbl serv^{t}

J Allan

The Honble Jeremiah Powell

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Septr 26, 1777

Resolved that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to send to the Committee of Boothbay they to be accountable for the same One Iron Cannon a twelve pounder with a Carriage & Implements compleat — And One hundred rounds of Powder 100 rounds & 40 bar-shot & 26 rounds of Grape shot for the same — The above Cannon & Amunition &c to be in lieu of the two nine pounders with Ammunition &c therefor ordered to that place by the Resolve of this Court of the 22^{d} Instant

Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pr. temp.

In Council Sep^{t} 26, 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
T Cushing	John Whitcomb	Moses Gill
John Taylor	S Holten	Danl Davis
Josiah Stone	Fra Dana	H Gardner
A Fuller	B White	N Cushing
R Derby		

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sep. 26 1777

On the Memorial of William Jones, Col. of the third Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln in behalf of him-

self & a party of said Regiment, setting forth, among other things, that on the 10th Instant they Mustered and Retook the State Mast Ship Gruel, Joseph Porter Commander which had been taken into possession from the Enemys Man of War, the Rain Bow.

Resolved that the said Col: Jones, the officers and privates of the party under his command in said Engagement, be allowed & paid by this State out of their Treasury for their Spirited Exertions and important Services done the State in that affair, as follows vizt — one Col: Twenty Pounds — Four Captains four Pounds Each — Ten Lieutenants three pounds Each and one Hundred & fifty five privates at Two Pounds Each, the whole sum amounting to three Hundred and Twenty Six Pounds.

And it is further Resolved that the Twenty men who were not in the action but guarded said Mast-ship for Two Days after she was Retaken be allowed & Paid the sum of Twelve shillings for Each Man for the said Two Days

Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pr temp

In Council Sept 26, 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^y Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
T Cushing	Moses Gill	John Taylor
Jabez Fisher	B White	Benj Austin
S Holten	Danl Davis	Josiah Stone
A Fuller	N Cushing	R Derby

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives September 30^h 1777

Resolved that the Commasary general be & he hereby is Directed to deliver to Joseph Noyes Commasary to the

Forces Stationed at Falmouth and Cape Elisabeth forty barrels of Flour for the use of said Forces he to be Accountable for the Same

Sent up for Concurrence

R. T Paine Spkr pr temp

In Council Sept^{t} 30$^{\prime}$ 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	John Taylor
R Derby	J Cushing	Jabez Fisher
Moses Gill	Benj Austin	H Gardner
Danl Davis	A Fuller	N Cushing
Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott	S Holten

State of Massachusetts Bay In Council Octr 2 1777

Resolved that the Committee of Sequestration be and hereby are directed, to deliver to the Board of War, Three Pipes of Wine, Seven hundred and half of Duck or Goose Shott, Two Boxes of Short Pipes & one hundred weight of Thread for the Supply of ye Truck House at Machias, they paying for the same such a price as they shall be appraised at.

Read & Accepted Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Octr 3, 1777.

Whereas this State is in great want of Provisions to Supply the troops Stationed at Machias & for the furnishing the Indians in the Eastern parts of the State under the Care of Colonel John Allan Continental Superintendent of Indian affairs in the Eastern department, Therefore

Ordered that Major General Heath be and he hereby is desired to Supply the Board of War with one hundred barrels of Beef & pork to enable them to furnish the troops at Machias and the Indians under Colonel John Allan, Continental Superintendent.

Read & Accepted Jn° Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Octr 7th 1777
on the Petition of Saml McCobb Abiel Lovejoy & John Taylor praying that a post may be Established in the Eastern part of this state to ride from Falmouth to Thomaston

Resolved that a post be and hereby is Established whose Business shall be to Ride from the Continental post office in Falmouth to Mason Wheaton Esqr at the Lime works in Thomaston and to Return back to Falmouth to Meet the Continental Post there, and to Continue dureing the pleasure of this Court Also Resolved that Capt Lovejoy Capt Snow & Coll McCobb be a Committee to agree with Some Seutable person to preform the Same — and it is further Resolved that the Post Master at Falmouth be and he is hereby desired to order the Times for the Setting out & returning Said post from his office & to receive such Letters as may be brought to the Same by sd post and to deliver out the Same According to Rules and Postage of the Continental post office also to Make up mails of Such Letters as may be put into his office to be Sent to the Eastern parts of the State & Account with this Court for the money he shall receive, and it is also Resolved that Mr Ellis Gray be & hereby is appointed to write to Congress inclosing a Copy of this Resolve & desiring them as this Establishment is made to promote the Public advantage, to put the sd post under the Continental pay

& Establishment and subject him to the Rules and Directions of the General Post Office

Also Resolved that Major Wheaton Esq be & hereby is appointed to receive & make up Mails at ye said Town of Thomaston & Mr John Wood is likewise appointed to receive & make up Mails at the Town of Georgetown — who are hereby allowed to receive for their Service one fifth part of the Postage of Letters which shall be ye same as is allowed to the General Post Office

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Octo. 7, 1777 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A. Ward	T Cushing
Moses Gill	John Taylor	S Holten
Jabez Fisher	Benj Austin	H Gardner
Danl Davis	Tim^{o} Edwards	Oliver Prescott
B White	D Hopkins	A. Fuller

Narrative of Cap^{n} John Long

Mechias 10th October 1777

He was taken at Quoddy Sepr 10th 1777, By the Vulture (Man of War) Boat & Carried at St Johns. he was Examined by the Enemy's officer on Being Asked how Many Men was then at Mechias. he told them about 500. that they had aplenty of Provision sent them from the westward that they Cou'd in a short time Call in their Millitia which might Consist of 700 men on being asked where he was dureing Dawsons Attack he told them that he was in the Wood. & that he was not of the parties that attacked —

they proferd him his Vessell if he woud Undertake to procure them certain Intiligence, which he did. Mr Hazen

becoming Surity for his Fedelity. he Returnd to them with Speed. before he went Cap^{n} Fettus Dam'd him for a Rebell never Expecting to see him again, but seeing he was true to his Promis, they promisd him all his Money they had taken from him if he would

Conveying the Incerted Information to Annapolis by Express, going There he was taken by a Little priviteer —

A Copy of the Information Cap^{n} Long was Conveying to the Enemy — That he arrivd at Passamaquody Tuesday 30th Septem^{r} where he was inform'd by Mr Bell. that David Gardner a Quaquer from Mechias was there two days before his Arrival who told Mr Bell that the Mechias people had Got Six Nine pounders & Seven Hundred men under pay, Besides the Militia from the Neighbouring Settlements that the Gene^{l} Court since last Attack had sent 200 Barrils of Beef & porck & other Provisions Answerable & that the Rainbow Lay at the mouth of the Hearbour. that the Cap^{n} had Sent up a flag with his proclamation. to which was paid but Little or no Regard. that it was say'd the Americans Intention was not to Invade Novascotia but to Maintain their own Defence in their District & the people wherein high Spirits since Dawson's Defeat —

Mr Long further Adds that When he was first Carried to St Johns that the following Ships Lay there Vid. the Milford, Blonde, & Vulture & Several Boom Vessells & Transports. Detachments from Letearn Maisnes & from the Emegrants from Halifax. & Some of Gorhams from Cumberland & Franklin Volunteer Millitia that on the first of October the Expedition was broke up. & the Enemy Dispersed Mr Long Also Informed that Mr Franklin (Superintend^{t} from the King of Briton for the Indians) that the Absent Inhabitants of Cumberland Might have their famelys by Sending for them in a Flag of Trueece.

Confession of Mr Ring who was with Long when Taken

he Belong'd to Salisbury & went to St Johns Last Winter where he follow'd Fishing he taken on Board the Vulture Prisoner from where he made his Escape Shortly after was retaken & pres'd to Go with Long

the Prize Master Account of there takeing Cap^{n} Long at Annapolis Gut Cap^{n} Lawrence of a Priviteer bound up Annapolis River beyond the town, Got within ½ Mile of the Same the fogg being very Thick. which Suddenly Clearing up he found himself pretty Close to a Tender mounting Eight Gun. they put about Instantly and out Bars. where fired upon boath from the Schooner & the Shoar by Small Arms they soon Got out of Reach & Continuing down the River met Long going in they fired a Swevel to bring him too. they sent three men Aboard of him. one told to Go down below directly. When Long Answered Who are you Sir I have Got the King Pacquet on board Soon after he went on board the priviteer he presentd the Letters of Intiligence to the Master supposing he was Commander of the Tender, which he thought he was on board of not think^{g} it a priviteer from the States

A true Coppy Attest J Avery

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Octo 10th

On the Petition of Moses Little Esq praying that in behalf of his Brother Paul Little of Falmouth who lost his House Shop & Goldsmith's Tools in the Burning of that Town he may be permitted to purchase of the Committee of Sequestration such a Quantity of Tools as are necessary for his Brother to set up his Business again

Resolved that the Committee of Sequestration be & they hereby are directed to deliver to Moses Little Esq. for the use of his Brother Paul Little a Set of Goldsmith's Tools if

in their Possession taking a reasonable Price for the same —
Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Octr 10′ 1777
Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	John Whitcomb
T Cushing	Moses Gill	Jabez Fisher
S Holten	B White	John Taylor
D Hopkins	N Cushing	A Fuller
Tim^{o} Edwards	Benj Austin	Josiah Stone

To the Hon^{bl} House of Assembly and Council for the Massachusetts State

The Petition of Joshua Lamb late of Onslow in the County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia Humbly Sheweth

That whereas your Petitioner hath observed in Said Province many of the American Prisoners Cruelly Used and liveing in that part of the Province where Many of them of Course would come who made their Escape: and neglecting to apprehend them and send them back to confinement: (as Required being a Magistrate) which he would not do out of Humanity to his Countrymen: & consistant with his private Opinion of the Dispute Between Britain and America: & by assisting some to make their Escape: and Writeing to some of his Friends for those above and some other things too Tedious to mention: he gave offence to the King's government and was Obliged to leave his Family & Escape into this State for the Safety of his Person: & to a great loss in his Prosperity

Therefore your Petition^{r} Humbly prayeth that your Hon^{rs} would be pleased to grant him a piece of Vacant Land to the

Quantity of two Hundred Acres near the Township of Camden between Penobscot Hills: where he might make a place of Retreat for himself & Family & be able to Support them & not be Burdensome to the State of which he would be a Member —

and whereas he hath Engaged a Vessel to bring his Family out of that Province; therefore in behalf of himself & Noah Miller & Family in like circumstances he would humbly pray your Hon^{rs} would grant a pass to the said Vessel

which is the Request of your Humble Petitioner

Joshua Lamb

In the House of Representatives Oct. 11th 1777

Read & thereupon Ordered that Mr Scott and Mr Hastings with such as ye Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same

Sent up for Concurrence —

J Warren Spkr

In Council Oct^{t} 11, 1777

Read & concurred & Jno Taylor Esq. is joined —

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

On the Petition of Joshua Lamb Esq Praying that this Court would Grant Him a piece of Vacant Land of Two Hundred Acres Near the Township of Camden between Penobscot Hills.

Also Praying that a pass be Granted for a Vessell to go to Nova Scotia to bring His family, and Noah Miller with His family to Settle in this State.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted, That In Case He the Said Joshua Lamb Esq can find any unapropriated Land In the County of Lincoln, The Property of this State: That He Shall Have Liberty to Lay out a

Tract thereof Not Exceeding Two Hundred acres, adjoining to some former grant The Surveyor and chainman being under oath In the following form, viz Two Hundred Rods In Length, and one Hundred and Sixty Rods In Wedth, and Return to this Court a plan thereof within Twelve months That Said Lands may be granted to Him

And that a Pass be granted for the Purpose Mentioned in His Petition.

Mechias Octo^{r} 12th 1777

Sir,

Being Necessiated to send an Express Westward suddenly, Gives me Just time to inform the Honble Board, that I, had the Honour of receiving their Esteemed & respectable favours of the 18th & 19th Ult^{o} the former of which covering a Resolve of the General Court & a Number of blank Commissions,—

To Vessels has arrived with a Number of Articles, having Two Nine Pounders & one four with appertinances Conforming Agreeable to the Resolve,—

We have at present but very few men, which gives me much Concern when I Consider the large Property Deposited here, for fear the Enemy shoud suddenly pop in and Distroy it, I should have thought it absolutly Necessary, that fifty men at least, shoud have been sent to Escort, however every Precaution shall be used to prevent a surprise, tho' from the Intilligence I gete I am in some hopes the Enemy are Frightened for the present from persuing their intended plan, I Believe they have left St John's,—

Lieut. Col. Nevers has not yet arrived, nor have I received any Intilligence from him, I doubt whether he will raise his men before the time is out Indeed shoud I receive favourable acc^{ts} by some persons I Expect soon, I think it will be As well

to lessen the Number, as such great Expence will be Needless, if the Enemy have thrown up the Matter, but will Be thoroughly Convinced before I even hint such a thing this way,—

It will be Necessary to have a small fortress, for the security of the Cannon, if no other service now,— for they being so heavy & the Country so uneven & no roads, that an open Breastwork or Battery, people being liable to retreat, in such places, must Consiquently Loose the guns,—

I have summonsed the principle Officers of the Melitia, & the Committe to meete to morrow, to lay before them my Intention, of Erreeting a small Fortress, on an Eminance above the former Battery, which Commands both Rivers,— for their approbation, at the same time I shall Demand a Number of the Inhabitants, to assist at the Business,—

I Cannot but think it is requeset, that some few shoud be Continued in the service as Artillery men, for the care of & Manageing the Guns, I have Inlisted Twelve, for that End, woud chuse to have it made up to Twenty, Indeed a Company must be kept if Possible, for the Care of such matters as may be Done Now, I am fully Convinced that if the visit is laid aside this fall, we shall have them very early in the spring,—

The Indians I keep but a few here, have sent them up the River a hunting, shoud we have no alteration soon I shall not Embody many as they will be very Expensive soldiers, they are much elated at the News, & the Notice taken of them, and perticularly are much rejoiced at my appointment having told them it was Occationed By my Continuation with them,—

The Indigent state of this Country Occationed somewhat by the movements this summer, opens to View, Missery to a great Degree, Perticularly that of Cloathing, many in the service are in such a Situation as Gives me Pain to Com-

mand them to Duty,— I have taken upon me to Draw from the Truck House a few pieces of strauds &c to Distrebute among some whose Lives are in Danger to stand Centry at Night,—

Coud there be a possibility of procuring a few pieces of Cloth for this service towards their wages,— it woud be a great Comfort to the Unhappy people & advantage to the service.—

Capt A. Green Crabtree (whome I have now Discharged) During his Cruise of this & Passamaquody, took one John Long, who lives here, had been taken by the Enemy at Passamaquody, some time ago, He was going with an Express to Anapolis, from Capt Tetters of the Vulture, when he was taken, the Perticulars of which, with his Examination, I here Inclose for the Honble boards Perusal,—

Since my Command I have forbid any Connection with Passamequody,— the Inhabitants I have Charged not to come, without they move their familys & become residents here, otherwise I shall make them prisoners A Great Deal of Mischief is Carryed on this way, & perticular Intilligence are Generally sent to the Enemy, of the situation of these parts, and such a property as is here woud be a GreatInducement to many Villians, to attempt the Destruction of it, —

I Cannot neglect this opportunity to aequaint the Honble Board of my supprise, on finding myself so highly Honourd, by being appointed to the Command in this District,— my Unexperiance in the practicle part, of the Service, with other foibles & Impediments, often Occations fears, that I shall Loose that friendship, which I have been so favored with sience my Being in the United states,—

It may reasonably be thought vain & flattery in me to Excuse myself from this Promotion, But I Except it from no other motive & principle But Gratitude, & Duty, I owe to perform, what is in my Power for this Bleeding Country,—

The Honour Conferd, with the Generous Assistance, sent to Enable to Discharge the great Trust & Confidence reposed in me, is far Beyound what I merited for past Conduct, or any thing I am able to Do,—

I have the Honour to be with Profound Duty & Respect, Your Honours most obedient and Devoted Hble Servt

J. Allan

Coppy

The Honble Jeremiah Powel Esqr

Mechias Octtr 15, 1777 —

To Benjamin Foster Esqr

Whereas Notwithstanding the Resolves of the Honble. the General Court, & the several severe Injunctions put out in Advertisements by John Allan Esqr To the Contrary,— yet several Evil minded persons persists in the practice of selling Liquors to the Indians to Intoxecate them & Defrauding them by Mixing Water with it & Taking the full Value of Good Rum.—

These are therefore to beg you will Grant a Summons to Cite Mr Stephen Jones personally to appear Before you, to answer to a Complaint against him for his furnishing Liquor to Indians Contrary to the Injunction afore mentioned & in Contempt of the Laws of this State, of which I shall produce sufficient Proof —

For & in behalf of John Allan Esqr

Lews Fredk De Lesdernier

A True Coppy Attest J Avery

Lincoln Ss.

You are hereby Required to Summon Stephen Jones Esqr of Mechias in the State of Massachusetts Bay to appear before me Immediately at the House of David Longfellows,

To Answer to a Complaint Entered Against him by Lew^{s} F. De Lesdernier, For & In behalf of John Allan Esqr Superintendent of Indians Eastern Department, To Answer to a Breech of a Resolve of the General Court Respecting the Supplying Indians with spirituous Liquors, making a Return of this summons & your Doings thereon. Whereof Fail Not on your Peril —

To Mr William Tupper Leagally appointed to serve this Summons

Given under my hand & Seal at Mechias this fifteenth Day of Oct. the year of our Lord 1777 —

Benj^{a} Foster Jus. Pea (L S)

A True Coppy Ja^{s} Avery

Lincoln Ss. Mechias Oct. 15th 1777 —

then I served the within summons by Del^{g} The within Named Stephen Jones Esqr a True & an Attested Coppy

p Wm Tupper

Lincoln Ss: Mechias Octo 15th 1777

In Consequence of a Complaint made by Lew^{s} Fred^{k} De Lesdernier for and in behalf of John Allan Esqr Superintendent of Indians, Against Stephen Jones Esqr for Supplying the Indians, with Rum,— a Summons was Issued for said Jones to appear at the House of David Longfellows.— William Tupper, Counstable Returned the Writ as being duly served on said Jones.—

At four O Clock the Court open'd, Continued some Time said Jones Did not appear, the following Depositions were Taken,— Capt Prebble appeared and was Sworn as Interpreter,—

The Deposition of Ignace a Canadian Indian lately Resident at Penobscut, Testifieth & Sayth/Being Duly Sworn

on the Crucifix Profess^{g} Roman Catholicism/that for some time past he hed Received from Stephen Jones of Mechias in the County of Lincoln Esq. thro' the hands of his, the Deponents wife, Rum to the Am^{t} of one Gallon in Diff^{t} parcels, for which he del^{d} his Wife Eight Dollers which his s^{d} wife Declared & she fully Believes she paid to Said Jones, for Said Rum, and the Deponent further Declares that the last bottle of Rum, here produced, was the last Bought which was yesterday morning, & further sayth not.—

Before me

Benj^{a} Foster Jus^{e} Peace

The Deposition of Joseph Cook an Iroquise Indian Lately Resedent at Penobscut, Testifieth & Sayeth/being duly Sworn on a Crucifix Professing Roman Catholicism/that at four Diff^{t} times this Deponent & Wife purchased from Stephen Jones of Mechias in the County of Lincoln Esqr Four Quarts of Rum paying Said Jones two Dollars p^{r} Quart, and further Deposeth that Last Night in Conjunction with his Wife, he purchased the Rum here produced, from said Jones with four Dollars, which Joseph Tomma Gave him for that purpose and further Sayeth Not,—

Lincoln: Ss: Examined and Sworn at Mechias this 15th Day of Octo. 1777

Before me

Benj^{a} Foster Jus: Peace

The Deposition of Mary Joseph, Wife of Ignace the Canadian Indian Before mentioned, Being Duly Sworn on a Crucifix/Professing Roman Catholicism/Testifieth & Sayth, that at the request of her husband she four Several times had purchased Rum from Stephen Jones of Mechias County of Lincoln Esqr paying Two Dollars for Each Quart,— & further Sayeth that she was Concerned in purchasing two Quarts of Rum the Last Night for Joseph Tomma for which four Dollars was paid to Said Jones.— & further Sayth Not

Lincoln Ss: Examined and Sworn at Mechias this 15th Day of Oct. 1777

Before me Benja Foster Jus. P.—

John Allan Esqr appeared & requested that a further time might be allowed Mr Jones, in order that he might have an Opporty to Defend the Charge alleged against him, in Consequence of which request the Court was adjourned Till Monday the 20th Inst at Ten o Clock in the forenoone — James Avery Appointed to Act as Clerk,—

Benja Foster Jus. Pea:

Lincoln: Ss: Mechias Octo 20th 1777 — A Copy of the foregoing Depositions & the Proceedings thereon, was Legally served on said Jones by Wm Tupper who Depositieth to the Truth of the Same.—

At 10 OClock Sd Jones Not appearing, John Allan Esqr Came in and Desired that Judgment might be Given Against said Jones in four Actions, According to the foregoing Depositions, for Breech of the Resolve of the General Court of the 21st June 1777 — Therefore it is Adjudged that the Said Stephen Jones pay the sum of forty Shillings for Each of the four actions & all Charges.—

Benja Foster Jus: Pea:—

Stephen Jones having reported abroad that the Indians had brocken open his House & taken some Rum out of the same;— a Number of Indians appeared by Mr Allans Desire & Declared they woud pay all Damages Mr Jones had Sustained by any Indians upon his making it appear — they confessed that they had Taken some Rum from said Jones, which they Did when Drunk with the Liquor which they Bought of said Jones —

Benja Foster Jus: Pea:

A True Coppy Attest Jas Avery

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Octr 16, 1777

On the Petition of Francis Shaw praying that his Accounts may be allowed for Rum and other Articles he supplied the State while in their Service and that milage may be allowed to the Sixty men who travelled from St Johns to Machias & for allowance for his disbursments on the Schooner Hannah & Molley.

Resolved that milage be allowed the Sixty men who travelled from St Johns to Machias and that Francis Shaw deliver in his Account therefor and all his Accounts set forth in said Petition to the Committee of Accounts who hereby are directed to settle the same as shall appear to them just and reasonable

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spk^{r}

In Council Octr 17, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

True Copy Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

The Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Charles Perrin beg leave to report the following Resolve

John Taylor pr order

Resolved, that all such Persons as are now Confined in the several Goals in this State by General Warrants from the Honble Council be sent to the several Counties to which they belong & by the Sheriff of the County where they are respectfully Confined and be brought to Tryal at the next Superior Court which may Set in said Counties, and that the Honble Judges of the Superior Court be directed by the Council to the Tryal of the said Prisoners all others Apprehended in like manner & since admitted to Bail for the several offences they may be charged with —

And that some proper person or persons in each County be chosen by Joint ballot of both Houses whose Business it shall be to make strict Enquiry for & Collect such Evidence as may be necessary before the Tryal of such persons so Committed as aforesaid all others apprehended in like manner & since admitted to Bail & lay the same before the Attorney and lay their acc^ts for their Service before this Court for Allowance

A And whereas it appears to this Committee of great Consequence that one Samuel Hall who is now Confined in the Goal at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, should be removed from said Goal to the Goal in Boston &c —

Therefore ordered that the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland be and he hereby is directed forthwith to convey the said Samuel Hall from the said Goal in Falmouth and Commit him to the Common Goal in Boston and that this order be forwarded to said Sheriff by Express or otherwise as soon as possible.—

Also that the keeper of the Prisoners in the Several Counties in this State be and hereby are Directed forthwith to make a return to the Honble the Council of the names of all the prisoners Committed by them to their Custody with the names of the Towns to which they belong

And that the Treasurer of this State be directed to lay before the Honble Council a List of the above persons who have been admitted to Bail and the Town they belong to.—

In Council October 17′ 1777

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives Oct 18, 1777

Read & concurred with the following amendment, viz At **A** dele Committee & insert Court

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Oct 18' 1777
Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A. Ward	R Derby
John Whitcomb	S Holten	H Gardner
John Taylor	D Hopkins	Timo Edwards
Josiah Stone	A. Fuller	N Cushing
Moses Gill	B White	D Sewall

To the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Humbly Sheweth,

That your Distressed Humble Petitioner, Clark Linniken, lived upon Townsend Neck within the Town of Boothbay which Runs about three miles into the Sea, and a little without Boothbay or Townsend Harbor where the men of War went into and lay about the beginning of September 1777 — and where is an Island about three Quarters of a mile from said Neck called Fishermans Island, where another Man of War came and where I was afishing a little therefrom in my Cannoo and the Man of War's Boat came & took me and Carried me aboard and threatened to Keep me &c — at length, they offered to let me go, if I would fetch them some Turnips & other Vegitables &c, upon which I promised to do, they asked me what Cattle I had, I told them that I had a pair of three Years Old Steers, but I could not part with them for it was all I had to do my work with, and that I was a poor man &c, they asked me what they was worth, I told them that they was worth Fifty Dollars. I went a Shore and they followed me with two Boats and part of them, came to my House and Said they must have my Cattle, & that they would give me Forty dollars and I should have the

Hides and Ruff Tallow and that would purchase another pair; I being in their Power & no body to asist me, and being taken by them, I was afraid to Contradict or oppose them in any Degree for fear they would Carry me away & Strip my Family of every thing. I went with them to the Shore and they Killed my Steers and picked the Ruff Tallow, which they gave me and the Hides — & they carried the meat away and said they would send me the pay as they proposed but never paid me one farthing for the Meat, and all I had was the Hides — & a few pounds of Ruff Tallow. They, the man of Warr's Men — went on Fisherman's Island & took the Sheep from thence and Some Hay and I heard that they paid the man that lived on said Island Viz Mr —— Roberson for part, & then took the rest without pay which was hard on him as well as me, but both of us was in their Power and none could help us — Then on the fourth or 5th day of September 1777 — I was taken by a Warrant from Wm McCobb for Trading with the Men of War. And on the 6th of September 1777 — I was Committed to Pownalboro Goal, and my Wife a very weakly Woman and four small children left to save & get what we had on & in the Ground for the Winter, and they depended much on the Fish I ketched in my Cannoo for the Support of my Family — for we had but little Bread or Meat and often without any —

And by the Construction of the Law, as the Justice Says I cant be admitted to Bail. I am a Very Poor man and have a poor distressed Family & my Wife very weak and they want my Help very much for their Support, and to lay Here in Goal Confined upon charge for a Cold & Tedious winter is Cruel & Hard which I never can pay — & the Charge of the Justice &c, for Carrying me to Goal is £3. 19.. 6 lawful money — & to lay here in Goal all winter & till Next June for doing that which I could not help nor no other man if in

such a situation as I was, I never did any thing against Law or against the Country, but am willing to submit too & Keep all the Laws that shall come to my Knowledge. I therefore most Humbly Pray your Honors to take me, and my distressed Family's Circumstances into your Wise Consideration and Release me from my great Distress and Confinement and Charges, and as in Duty Bound I shall ever pray —

Clark Linneken

Pownalboro Goal October 18th 1777

Mechias Oct. 20th 1777

Whereas on fryday Night the 17th Inst. a moose skin belonging to the states was stolen from an Indian who had Received it to worke it up for the Use of the Troops stationed here after much serch the same was found in the Back Yard belonging to Stephen Jones of Mechias County of Lincoln Esqr who acknowledges he had purchased it from Another Indian who stole the skin for which he Let him have a bottle of Rum Contrary to the Resolves of the Honble The General Court & the many severe Injunctions Issued by the Super Intendent —

Therefore these are to Request you to Grant a Summons for said Jones to appear at the place you may appoint to answer the said Complaint for the offence,— for and in behalf of John Allan Esqr Superintendent of Indians Eastern Department —

Lews Fredk DeLesdernier J P

A True Coppy Attest Jas Avery

Lincoln Ss: Mechias Octo. 20th 1777

In Consiquence of a Complaint made by Lews F. De Lesdernier for and In behalf of John Allan Esqr Superen-

tendent for Indians Eastern Departmt. against Stephen Jones Esqr for Buying a moose skin of an Indian who stole It / Belonging to the State, & Supplying the Indians with Rum for the Same,— a Summons was Issued for said Jones to appear at the House of David Longfellows Immediately —

Wm Tupper Constable returned the Summons, said Jones not being to be found.— at Ten oClock the said Jones not appearing the following Depositions were Taken —

The Deposition of John Preble Capt of a Company of Indians stationed at Mechias, Being Duly Sworn,— Testifieth & Sayeth that on the 17th Ins^{t} he went with Colo. Allan & an Indian in serch of a moose Skin, belonging to the State, which was Stolen, that they went into Mr Jone's Back Yard, that they found a moose Skin which the Indian Declared in a very Solemn manner was the same Skin Deliverd him to work up for the States Service, which was stolen from him.— and that said Jones Confessed he rec^{d} the Skin from an Indian Named Jean Battest Foreleg, & that he Gave the Indian a bottle of Rum on acc^{t} of said Skin,— & further he Sayeth Not.—

Lincoln Ss: Examined & Sworn at Mechias this 20th Day of Octo^{r} 1777 Before me Benj^{a} Foster Jus: Pea:—

The Deposition of Jones Farnsworth of Lawfull Age Testifieth upon Oath, & Sayeth, some time last fryday being the 17th Ins^{t} He went into Esqr Jones House and Asked said Jones to sell him a Mug of Toddy, Said Jones answer to him was that he had Just sold the last and all the Rum he had,— and seeing an Indian Squaw come out of the Shop with him the said Jones, the Deponent Concluded that the Squaw had bought the Last of the Rum, but a few minutes before,— Sworn before me this 20th Day of Oct. 1777

Benj^{a} Foster Jus: Pea:

The Deposition of Joseph Averll Serj^{t} in Capt Wests Company. This Deponent being Duly Sworn, Testifieth &

Sayth, that on Fryday afternoon being Call'd by Col Allan, to an Inclosure belonging to Esqr Jones he saw a moose Skin that was spread to Dry, that he was Desired to take notice of the same — he was ordered to Desire Serj^{t} Milbury to place a Centry over said Skin to prevent any Indians from Taking it, he was further ordered to go to Esqr Jones and Tell him that a moose Skin, the property of the State which an Indian had to work up for the use of the Troops, was found in his Inclosure on his Premisses, which had been stolen by A Nother Indian.—

He further Deposeth that he was present when Col Allan, Tax'd said Jones of having bought said Skin from the Indian that had stole it,— Esqr Jones said that the same Indian had, Brok Open his House During the late Disturbances, and took out a Keg of Rum, that he had made the Indian Own it, and that the Skin was brought him for satisfaction, and that seeing the Indians Candoche gave him one Quart Rum as an Equivalent for He thought the Skin overpaid the Rum taken with the Keg,— & further Sayeth Not. Joseph Averal

Lincoln: Ss: Examined & Sworn at Mechias the 20th Day of Oct. 1777 — Before me Benj^{a} Foster Jus: Pea:

I said a Warrent to Take the Body of said Jones and then Adgourn'd —

Lincoln Ss: Mechias Octo. 24th 1777 — By Virtue of a Warrent Issued against Stephen Jones Esq. he was this Day bro^{t} before me, Two oClock the Court opend and Evidences being Call'd, the following Depositions were Taken —

The Deposition of Amos Boynton of Mechias in the County of Lincoln being Duly Sworn Testifieth & Sayth, that on Fryday the th Inst he was at work with Mr Farnsworth on a Celler not far from Stephen Jones Dwelling House, and that he saw Jean Battest Forelegs an Indian have a Skin, which seemed to be wett, and Carry'd it into a

Little House, between where he was at Work & Said Jones House,— and saw the Indian Come out of the House soon after without it, & further Sayeth Not,—

Amos Boynton --

The Deposition of David Longfellows of Mechias in the County of Lincoln, being Duly Sworn Testifieth & Sayeth, that on Fryday the 17th Inst he was to work for Mr Farnsworth on a Cellar not far from Stephen Jones Dwelling House,— that he saw Jean Battest Forelegs an Indian Carrying a moose Skin which seemed to be wett, and Carried it to a Small House between where he was at work & Said Jones House, & further Sayeth Not—

David Longfellow

The Deposition of Jonas Farnsworth of Mechias in the County of Lincoln, being Duly Sworn, Testifieth & Sayeth, that on Fryday the 17th Inst he was at work on a celler with Mr Longfellow & Boyenton, Not far from Stephen Jones Dwelling House — that Mr Longfellow & Mr Boyenton Told him they saw an Indian Carry a Moose Skin into Samuel Milburys House soon after which he the Depot went into said House, & Saw a moose Skin laying in said House, which was wett, & looked if it had been into the water to Soak — that some time after Capt Stephen Smith came to him and inquired if he knew any thing about a moose skin that was stolen, and that he went with Capt Smith to Said House But Cou'd not see any thing of the Skin, & further Sayeth Not

Jonas Farnsworth —

The Deposition of Capt Stephen Smith of Mechias in the County of Lincoln being Duly Sworn, Testifieth & Sayth, that on Fryday the 17th Inst being at the Indian House with Mr Allen, an Indian Named Ignace, seemed to be very much Concerned, and said he had Lost a Moose Skin which was given him to work up for the Troops,— and the Indian said

that Jean Battest Forelegs, had got Two Bottles of Rum & that s^d^ Ignace Immagined that said Battest had Stole the skin & Sold it for the Rum -- that in the afternoon he went where Mr Farnsworth & David Longfellow was at work, and said Farnsworth told him he saw a wett moose skin in a small House Close by Stephen Jones Dwelling House, and said Farnsworth sent to the House with the Depo^t^ — & Seemed to be surprised that the Skin was gone,— that he saw Mr Delesdernier and Call'd him to assist him in looking for the Skin, & Coming by an Inclosure by said Jones House, He saw a moose Skin Spread to Dry, and that M^r^ De Lesdernier went & Call'd the Indian who had Lost the skin who Declared in a very Solemn manner, that the said skin was the self same Skin that he Lost & further Sayeth Not.—

Stephen Smith

The Deposition of Samuel Milbury Serjent in Capt Wests Company Being Duly Sworn, Testifieth & Sayth, that on Fryday afternoon Serj^t^ Averel came to him and Desired him to go to Col. Allen, that he went into Mr Jones Inclosure where he saw a moose skin, and an Indian said Jean Battest Forelegs had stole it from him, that Col. Allan, ordered him to put a Centry over s^d^ skin till further orders, which was Accordingly Done — and in about Two hours after said Moose Skin was brought into the Guard House, & further Sayth Not

Samuel Milbery

Lincoln: Ss: Mechias Oct. 24th 1777 then appeared before me Amos Boynton David Longfellow, Jonas Farnsworth, Stephen Smith, & Samuel Milbury, & maketh oath to the foregoing Depositions by them Signed

Before me Benj^a^ Foster Jus Pea:

The Deposition of Ignace a Canadian Indian Lately Resident at Penobscut, Being Duly Sworn on the Crucifix / pro-

fessing Roman Catholicism / Testifieth & Sayth / Mr De Lesdernier being Sworn Interpreter / that he recd of Capt Smith, Two Moose skin to work up for Morgasons for the Troops, that he Puts them in a puddle of water to Soak,— that Next morning, he went to take out Said Skins — and that one of them being Missing, he Concluded it was Stolen and Jean Battest forelegs having a case bottle of Rum, he Concluded He was the Indian who stole it, & being sent for he went Down to Mr Jones, & Going Into an Inclosure by the House, he there saw a Moose Skin, which was the self Same skin which was Stolen from him,— and this is the Skin Now produced in Court,— & further Sayeth Not—

Lincoln Ss: Meehias Examined & Sworn this 24th Day of Oct. 1777 —

Before me Benja Foster J. P.

Stephen Jones the Defft in this Cause pleads not Guilty, but Does not advance any thing in order to support his Defence, upon a Due Examination of the Evedances it appears that said Stephen Jones has Violated the Resolve of the General Court of this State in respect of supplying Indians with Sperituous Liquors,— therefore it is Adjudged that said Jones pay the sum of Forty Shillings with Costs,— and further it appears that he has been Guilty of the Crime of rece'g stolen goods the property of the State of the Massachusetts Bay,— It is adjudged that he Give Security for his appearance at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Pownalborough the First Tuesday in June Next to answer such things as is alledged against him Respecting these Premises.— otherwise to be Committed to Goal —

Benja Foster Jus: Pea:

A True Coppy Attest Jas Avery

To the Honble the great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay the Petition of the Subscribers, being

Inhabitants of the West Precient in Pownalborough, and adjacent Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners are members of the Episcopal church, that great part of them are French and Dutch Germans Protestants, who came into America in the years 1750 & 1751 etc., upon the Incouragment given by the Massachusetts Government that they should enjoy their Religious Privileges. They beg further to represent that for Twenty years, last past they have enjoyed these privileges excepting only the year past. That they have constantly maintained a minister of the Episcopal church, with the assistance of the Society, and have constantly attended Public worship according to the rights of the church of England. That they have built themselves a church and have a church Gleab in the West precient of Pownalb° They further Represent that in the year 1773 the Town of Pownalboro' was divided into two precients by the Names of the East and West Precints, in the same year 1773 the West Preceint called a preceint meeting at which meeting the Votes of some of your Petitioners, and all who were at said meeting above 20 in Number were refused to be accepted for this Reason because they were Episcopalians. Your Petitioners immediately withdrew and never attended their meetings afterwards. On the 28th of March 1776, The Congregationalists in the West Preceint (being not more than Eight or Nine in Number that met) and Voted to Raise the Sum of £30 to hire — preaching in the year 1776, which they never did, except a transient Person now and then a day. That the Assessors assessed your Petitioners by virtue of an Act of the 16th of George the Second. They further Represent that the Collectors Viz: Samuel Emerson, & John Elbridge have taken every advantage (and of some of those Persons who were Germans, and did not understand the Law in the English Language) to distress them as well as others by giving them

Notice to pay the Ministerial Tax and then distraining. They further declare that by their being thus assessed by the minority of the Parish they are drove to great Streights, and must soon be ruined, as the minority under colour of law were determined to drive them to the last extremity. We further beg leave to Represent, that when the Act of 16th of George the Second was made, it was not Supposed that such a case could happen, when 7, 8 or 9 Congregationlists should Vote away not only their own money but also the money of about thirty Episcopalians, and that to without and against their consent. We further declare that tho' the money taken from us is by a Law to be paid to our Pastor, whom we Support & who will we make no doubt returne it to us again, yet it subjects us to be distrained upon, which is now our case & also make us pay for the taking our own money out of our own Pockets against our Consent to be put in again after the collectors and Treasurer have improved it for a long Time, before it can be got from them, which must be and is a great Trouble & cost to us as We may be obliged to go thro' a law suit to get it again. We further think that the Law aforementioned was designed to prevent Persons, from pretending to be of a Religion they were not of merely to get rid of paying Taxes. We further declare that it is the unalienable right of mankind to worship the Supreme being according to the dictates of a Well informed Conscience, that no man can dispose of his Religion and much less can any person take it from him — That every Species of Taxing that takes away a man's Interest and at the same Time debars him from assenting or discenting because of his Religious principles is persecutious and tends to force him to give up what the God of Nature never gave him a right to dispose of, the right of private Judgement, in matters of Religion, at a time when the Continent is contending for civil and religious Liberty. We are Sorry to

have the Occasions of Petitioning the Honble Court upon so disagreeable a Subject as persecuting Persons who came from Germany upon the Faith of the Government of the Mass^{a} Bay, that they should enjoy their Religious Principles, But the matter is of such consequence to us that our all is depending as the Collectors distrain and Sell our Goods at half price & make us pay the Costs. We therefore humbly pray that the Honble Court would take the matter into consideration & pass an Act that all Episcopalians who pay a minister may be freed from being assessed or Taxed in any parish for ministerial Rates, and that the collectors be ordered to returne all the moneys so distrained & Received from us the respective Persons, from whom he took them with the charges & Damages or otherwise Give us such relief as the Court in their Wisdom shall think proper & as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Pownalboro' West precient

N. B. The Congregationals in the West precient of Pownalboro' never hath been imbodied into a church etc. to this day.

Samuel Goodwin	Edmund Doherty	Michael Stilphen
Martin his X marke Healey	John Cottin Goskin	Loves Houdlette
David Bailey	Saml Goodwin J^{r}	John Johnson
John Parks	Peter Pochard	William Bourke
George Mayer	Philip Mayer	George Goud
Daniel Malbone	Jno his X marke Pochard	Charles Erlain Houdlette
George Stilphen	Cornelius Stilphen	Jean George Goud
Richard Callihan	Christopher Jakins	Robert Tycross
Josanna Janb pro go	Luda Capman Main	

In Council April 29, 1777.

Ordered that the Petitioner notify the Inhabitants of the West Precient in Pownalborough by leaving a Copy of this Petition & Order hereon with the Precient Clerk of Said West Parish thirty Days at least before the Second Tuesday

in July next, that they may shew Cause (if any they have) before the General Court of this State of their setting and in Case the Said Court shall not be then setting on the Second Tuesday of their meeting after that time wherefore the Prayer of the Said Petition should not be granted.

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery Dp^y Secy.

In the House of Representatives Apl. 29, 1777

Read & Concurred.

A true copy Sam'l Freeman Sp^k Pro. Tem.

Attest Jn° Avery Dpy Secy

By virtue of the within Order of the Great and General Court, I, Charles Callahan, one of the Episcopal Church of pownalborough in the West Preceinct, and one of the Vestry did on the 7th Day of June 1777, Deliver'd to Charles Cushing Esqr clerk of the West Precienct of the town of pownalborough as we are informed, A copy of the within petition and order thereon before Christopher Tackin another of the Vestrymen — Charles Callahan.

In Council July 8, 1777 Ordered that the Consideration of the within Petition be referred to the Second Tuesday of the next Setting of the General Court —

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery Dpy Secy.

In the House of Representatives July 8, 1777.

Read & concurr'd R T. Paine, Sp^k pro tem.

In Council October ye 21, 1777 Ordered that the consideration of the within Petition & the Papers accompanying the same be referred to the Second Tuesday of the next Setting of the General Court.

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery D^y Secy.

In the House of Representatives Oct. 21, 1777

Read & Concurr'd J. Warren Spk^r

Falmouth 21 O^{ct} 1777.

Sir

when y^{o} was at Falmouth shipping some Wines to your place your had a gundelo of mine w^{h} they partly loaded wth Ballist left her along side of the Wharf the Gundelo, fill^{d} los^{t} her Oars & was much Damag^{d} the Acc^{t} you have Inclos^{d} w^{h} sum youl please remit by the first Opp^{r} — I am wth respec^{t} your m^{o} H Servt

Coln^{l} Glover Pearson Jones

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives Octo^{r} 22 1777 — Resolved, That the East precinct in the Town of Pownalborough, be and hereby is impowered to Call a Meeting of The freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^{d} precinct, Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) to Choose a Collecter in the Stead of Roger Smith who was Chosen by S^{d} precinct in March A D 1775 One of the Collectors of s^{d} Precinct and who afterwards Refused to Serve, by fully impowering Such Collecter who Shall be Chosen at s^{d} Meeting in stead of s^{d} Smith, to Collect all Such Taxes as remain uncollected by Reason of the s^{d} Smith's Refusing to Serve; And to do all Other Matters which a Collecter Chosen at the Anual Meeting in the Month of March Might legally do —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Oct^{t} 22^{d} 1777

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	R Derby
John Whitcomb	John Taylor	S Holten
B White	Benj Austin	A Fuller
Jabez Fisher	Josiah Stone	D Hopkins
Tim^{o} Edwards	D Sewall	N. Cushing

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Octo. 23rd 1777

Resolved, that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver to Charles Phelphs Esqr Two hundred bushels of Salt for the Use of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Brattleborough, New Marlborough, Fullam, Guilford, Townsend, and Cumberland, he paying for the same the Current Price

Sent up for Concurrence J. Warren Spkr

In Council Octo. 23rd 1777

Read & Concurred John Avery Dpy Secy

A True Copy Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Oct 1777

Whereas it appears upon examination of the county Treasurer's Accounts for the county of Lincoln that all the Money granted and allow'd by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said county from Sept 1772 to June 1774, were for such purposes and appropriations as the Law empowered the said Court to grant — and the Ballance due to the County is one hundred Sixty pounds four shillings & three pence Therefore Resolved that the said account be allowed

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Octr 23, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A. Ward	R. Derby
John Whitcomb	John Taylor	S Holten
H Gardner	D Hopkins	S Sewall
N. Cushing	A Fuller	B White
Jabez Fisher	Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott

To the honorable Council and the Hon. House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Humbly Sheweth William Gardner of Gardnerston in the County of Lincoln, that your Petitioner at a Court of Special Sessions of the Peace held at Pownalborough in the County afore sd on the 16th Day of September last was tried and found guilty of counteracting the united Struggles of the States of America, and of being so inimically disposed towards the States that his future Residence therein would be dangerous to the publick Peace & Safety, and in Consequence thereof is sent to the Board of War by them to be confined in a Guard Ship; from which Sentence, as there is no Appeal from sd Court, your Petitioner prays to be relieved by this honorable Court for the Reasons following, viz

1. The Persons who carried on the Prosecution against your Petitioner were actuated by private Pique & Revenge on account of an old Grudge, which had long subsisted between them, & that he was condemned for speaking against the conduct of certain individuals and not against the Justice of the Cause in which we are engaged.

2ly The Jurors for the Trial afore sd were not chosen in the Manner petit Jurors for the superior Court are chosen, & drawn from the same Box, as by Law they ought to have been but the Manner of choosing them & the Proceedings of the Court were intirely irregular and against Law.

3ly Your Petitioner was unacquainted with the Law by which he was condemned, and could not procure an Attorney to speak for him — he had engaged an Attorney to conduct his Business at sd Trial, but the Evening before the Trial was to come on, he declared that he was afraid of future Consequences, which would attend his speaking in said Cause, and refused to fulfil his Engagement. All which your Petitioner would be able to verify, if this honorable Court would enable him to procure his Witnesses. He has petitioned the gen-

eral Court for the Purpose afore^{sd}, and the s^{d} Court chose a Committee to examine the Matter & tho' the Facts alledged in this Petition appeared to them to be true; yet by Reason of your Petitioner's not having his Witnesses present, nor Deposition regularly taken, the s^{d} Committee did not think proper to order a new Trial. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays this honorable Court to permit him (he giving Security to the Board of War) to return Home, and procure such Depositions as shall be necessary to prove the Facts afore s^{d}, and authorise some Justice of the Peace to take them and grant your Petitioner a legal & impartial Trial. And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Wm Gardner

In Council Octr 24, 1777
Read & Sent down

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Oct. 24, 1777
Read and Ordered that the Hon^{bl} Council Act thereon as to them may seem fit
Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pr temp

In Council Oct^{t} 24, 1777
Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	A Ward	R Derby
T Cushing	H Gardner	John Taylor
S Holten	D Hopkins	B White
John Whitcomb	Jabez Fisher	A Fuller
D Sewall	N Cushing	Josiah Stone
Oliver Prescott		

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Oct^{o} 24th 1777
Resolved that the within Petitioner Clark Linneken serve

William McCobb Esqr with a Copy of his Petition, and this Order thereon that he may make Answer in Writing if he thinks proper, at the next Meeting of this Court, why the Prayer of said Petition shall not be granted — and in the mean time said McCobb is hereby permitted if he shall judge it expedient to admit the within Petitioner to Bail on Sufficient Sureties,

Sent up for Concurrence

R. T. Paine Spk. P. T.

In Council Octr 24th 1777 —

Read & Concurred John Avery D^{y} S^{y}

A True Copy Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Boothbay Novmbr 11, 1777 Served the within to will^{m} McCobb Esqr by a Coppy

James Fullerton

Received this back again from Capt James Fullerton the 3^{d} December 1777

Invoice of Sundrys supply^{d} Stephen Smith Esqr Commis^{a} & Truckmaster for the Indians, and for Troops raised by order of Court for the Defence of Machias & the Eastern parts By the Board of War for the State of Massachusetts Bay, 1777.

Here follows a list of provisions, clothing, military stores & general supplies.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable Council of said State — The Petition of John Martin Schaffers of Waldoborough — Humbly Shews

That he is in great Want of Three of the Hessian or Brunswick Prisoners, One for himself, One for Waterman

Thomas Esqr & One for Captain Andrew Shench therefore
Prays he may have them on the usual Terms
And as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

John Martin Schaffer

Boston 25th Octo^{r} 1777

In Council Oct^{t} 25$^{\prime}$ 1777 Read & Ordered that the Commissary of Prisoners be and he hereby is directed to deliver John Martin Schaffer three of the German Prisoners as soon as any shall be discharged from work on Governours Island to be employed as Servants — if they should consent thereto — said Schaffer engaging to support them and to allow them reasonable wages for their Labour and to return them when the Council of this State shall call for them & to pay the Expence of carrying them — The said Commissary to take a Receipt of the said Schaffer for that Purpose —

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Lincoln Ss: Memo^{um}

That on the Twenty fifth Day of Octr in the year of our Lord 1777 Personly appeared before me Benjamin Foster Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Lincoln aforesaid,— Stephen Jones of Machias aforesaid Esqr Job Burnam & Daniel Meservy both of Machias aforesaid and Acknowledged themselves to be severally indebted unto the Gov^{t} & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in the respective sums following Viz.— the said Stephen Jones Principal in the sum of Twenty Pounds,— and the said Job Burnam & Daniel Messervy sureties in the sum of Ten Pounds Each to be levied on their Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements, and in want thereof upon their Bodies, to the use of the said Gov^{t} & people aforesaid, if Default be made in the Peformance of the Condition here underwritten.—

The Condition of the above Written Recognizance is such, that if the above named Stephen Jones shall and do prosecute an appeal by him made from a Judgment Given against the said Stephen Jones for a Breech of the Resolve of the Honble Gen[l] Court, of the State aforesaid, for supplying the Indians with spiritious Liquors, in five actions for the sum of Eleven pounds Seven Shillings & Eight pence for Fine, & Costs of Suit, at the Next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Pownalborough for the County of Lincoln Aforesaid, with Effect — Then the above written Recognizance to be Void Otherwise to abide in full force, Power, Virtue

Benj[a] Foster Jus: Peas.

A True Coppy Attest Ja[s] Avery

Lincoln, Ss: Stephen Jones Principle £20

Job Burnam
Dan[l] Meservey } Sureteys, £10—each

Be it Remembered that on the 25th Day of Octob[r] in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Seven. Personally Appear'd Before me, Benj[a] Foster Esq[r] one of the Justices Assigned to keep the peace of Said County, Stephen Jones Esq[r] of Mechias County Aforesaid, and Job Burnam of said Mechias Innholder and Daniel Meservey of Mechias aforesaid, Acknowledge themselves to be Justly and Truly Indebted to the Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, That is to say Stephen Jones in the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money of the State aforesaid. Jobe Burnum in the sum of Ten pounds & Daniel Meservey in the Sum of Ten pounds, To Be Levied on their Respective Goods & Chatles Lands & Tennements and in want thereof on their Bodys for the

Use of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay if Default Be Made in the Under Written Conditions —

The Condition of this Recognisance is Such, that Whereas a Complaint has been Made by Lew^{s} Frederick Delesdernier for and in behalf of John Allan Esqr Superintendent of Indians Eastern Department, against the above Bounded Stephen Jones, for having received from an Indian a Moose Skin, the property of the State Aforesaid which was Stolen, in Lieu of which Said Jones Gave the Said Indian, Rum Contrary to the Resolve of the Honorable the General Court of the State Aforesaid —

Now if the Said Stephen Jones shall personally Appear before the Worshipfull Bench of Justices in the General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Pownalborough in and for the County Aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of June Next, And there Answer to Such things as are Alledged against him Concerning the premises, & in the Mean time Be of Good Beheavour to all the Subjects of the United States of America then the Above Recognisance to be Void & of None Effect. Otherwise to Remain in full Force and Virtue —

Taken & acknowledged the Day & Year aforesaid Before me Benj^{a} Foster Jus: Pea:

A True Coppy Attest Ja^{s} Avery

To the Honble Jonathan Bowman Esqr Judge of Probate of Wills &c for the County of Lincoln &c —

Sir,— We the Subscribers being the major part of the Selectmen of Pownalboro hereby Certify your Honor that Charles Callahan late of said Pownalborough Gent. has absented himself for more than three Months from his habitation & has left Estate Real and personal to the value of more than

Twenty pounds within said Town and from the best Intelligence we can obtain we verily believe the said Charles Callahan went voluntarily to our Enemies and is still absent from his usual place of abode & without this State with our Enemies — Given under our hands this 26 day of October A D 1777

Edmund Bridge }
Asa Smith } Selectmen of Pownalboro'

A True Copy att. Rol^d Cushing Reg^r

The Committee on the message of the Honble Council of the 27th of this instant, and the papers accompanying the same, take leave to report, that it will be impossible to give any direction respecting the conduct of Stephen Jones, (Complained of in the Petition of James Avery) in supplying the Indians with spirituous liquors, before the sitting of the Court at Pownalborough, to which said Jones has appealed,— that Col^o Allen has given intimations of his intention to be soon at this place,— and therefore, that the Petition of James Avery, and papers relating to Machias lay on the table, till said Allen's arrival.

I the subscriber Certify & am ready to confirm ye truth of ye following on Oath That when Colonel Josiah Brewer came from ye westward with stores for ye use of ye distressed people of Penobscot, sent to their relief by the Massachusetts Bay State: He called a meeting of ye inhabitants of this place, & informed them of the stores he had brought down for them: But required obligations signed jointly & severally, for the cost & pay of them. Objections was made against general Obligations, and he was advised to keep them him-

self, until he received the worth of them from such as took them, which was voted in the meeting, because no other method could be improved to procure them. One Charles Blagdon told Colonel Brewer in my hearing, he sent for his part of the stores & did not desire them without the pay, but could not get them, & several others s^{d} the same

Robert McCurdy

Penobscot Novr 3, 1777

Nicholas Crosbey Being of Lawfull age testifieth and saith he was att penobscot State truck house & he heard Several people discorsing Concerning Col^{n} Josiah Brewer Lt Col^{n} Jonath Lowder & Leut andrew Gilman, being Sent for to the General Cort att Boston. Col^{n} Lowder af^{sd} Replys if they did not Receive a coppy By the time that was appointed they Should have a good Excuse not to go up or not be obliged to go he further saith he told Col Lowder he See the papers the General Cort Sent down,

Nicholas Crosby

N. B. Luit Col^{n} Lowder & Let Andrew Gilman went To Mechias Nov the 5th

Whereas my Sloop Brought Down the Stores that was sent by the State of Massachusetts Bay said Stores that Belonged to the uper Destrick was landed att Col^{n} Josiah Brewers all except thirty four Bushels of Salt which was brought back to my Store: which is about twenty miles down, Said River and delivered to Col^{n} Johanathan Lowders fishermen, by Said Lowders orders

Jonathan Buck

We the subscribers certify and are ready to make oath to the truth of the following. That when Colonel Josiah Brewer came from the westward with stores for the use of the distressed people of Penobscot, sent to their relief by the Massachusetts Bay State. He called a meeting of the inhabitants

of this place, and informed them of the stores he had brought down for them: but required obligations signed jointly & severally for the cost, and pay for them. Objections was made against general obligations, and he was advised to keep them himself, until he received the worth of them of such as took them; which was voted in the meeting, because no other method beside general obligations could be improved to procure them

Moses Wentworth
Robert McCurdey
Peter Sangster
Joseph Avy

We the subscribers jointly & severally testifieth & saith, That att Penobscott on the 5th Day of November 1777. In our presence & hearing Mr Benjamin Wheeler of the Place aforesd Presented a number of persons, with written declarations to Josiah Brewer Esqr to administer their oaths for the truth of them: He read the papers & utterly refused swearing them; it was proposed for two Gentn to write the captions to them, which would prevent his loosing any time. But he refused this also. Mr. Wheeler immediately made a tender of the money, & demanded by law, that he would swear them. But he still refused, and said he would do no business out of his own house, tho at ye same time he swore some evidences for Colo Goldthwait &c &c. Mr. Wheeler replied, The evidences would be scattered, living at a distance, & some of them was going to the Westward, & therefore there was special meeting to sware them, but he refused to sware them. Pettn Wheeler then told him, he was ready to deliver him some papers from ye General Court, he answered, that he should come back in three days, and then he would receive them, but would not tarry. Mr Wheeler

then run out of the House, and called to Lt Col^{o} Jon^{a} Lowder, & Capt Gillman, who was then near at hand waiting for Col^{o} Brewers return, to come up & hear them & read them. But they would not come, & went off as it was said to Mechias, to the truth of which we are ready to make oath as witness our hands, at Penobscot

Robert McCurdey Samuel Low
Moses Wentworth Caleb Goodwin

N. B. Capt McCurdy forgets Mr Wheelers calling to Col^{o} Lowder & Capt Gillman as he was in the House at that time & in company. Mr Samuel Low has forgot this part with Captain McCurdy.

Memorandum, Col^{o} Brewer swore me, viz Caleb Godwin at the same time in another case.—

Caleb Goodin the deponent saith, that he went personally to Colonol Josiah Brewer, and requested some stores for Mrs Blake, who had a family of small children, living only upon the charity of the people, and her husband at that time in the Continental army: which Colonol Brewer knew. I requested her part of the provisions of Colonol Brewer for her use, informing him of her circumstances: but he utterly refused, and did not send her any relief, though she and her children was then suffering for the necessities of life.

Caleb Goodwin

We the subscriber Certify, and offer to give oath to the following. That when Col^{o} Brewer came from the West with stores, for the use of the Distressed People of Penobscot, which was sent to their relief by the Massachusetts Bay State. He called a meeting of the Inhabitants of this place, and Inform'd them of the Stores he had brought down for them: but required Obligations signed jointly and severally, for the Cost, and pay for them. Objections was made against general Obligations, he was advised to keep them himself,

until he received the worth of them of such as took them: which was voted in the meeting, because no other method besides General Obligations would be improved to procure them. It was moved in the Meeting by the Moderator, That People which received the stores, Should pay in boards at the rate of Eleven hundred for a thousand. Hogshead staves in the same manner &c. Which was to be delivered either to Lt Col° Lowder, or Capt Grant, and when they made the pay to them, their order would be sufficient for the delivery of the stores. This vote pas'd in the affirmative in the Meeting, because of the necessity of the people for the Provisions, which could not be procured on any other conditions; to which vote as it stands related, neither Colonel Brewer, nor Lt Col° Lowder made no objection. To which as related above, we solemnly aver the truth, as witness our hands, at Penobscot November the 5th 1777.

Kenneth McKenzie
Eliphalet Nichorson

N. B. Lieu^t Col° Lowder was clerk in the said meeting & Jedidiah Preble moderator

We aver the truth of the Above, & further saith, the boards should be paid at Four Dollars a thousand & ye market price for boards at that time was 1:6:8 at 10 hundred for a thousand

Jedidiah Preble John Smart
Jacob Lannett Andrew Webster

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, in their Convention at Boston &. &. &.

The humble Petition of that Part of the Inhabitants of Penobscot River, embodied in a Regiment of Militia, whereof Josiah Brewer Esqr is Colonel.

Which Craves leave humbly to shew, That the commons of the said Regiment, was never consulted, neither were knowing, neither approved of the divission of the Ancient regiment of Militia in this place: and did not so much as suspect, that any person or persons were studious in planning the s^{d} divission, as hath taken place, where there are so small a number and so poor a people: neither were we let into the secret; our advice, & consent asked, which we expected in a matter of such importance: neither were we notified to make choice of such Gentlemen, whom we apprehend would have prosecuted the General tranquillity of the good, and faithful inhabitants of this river; by reason of which divers grievances hath been produced to the detriment and discouragement of the inhabitants here.

Therefore for present Redress, and for the Prevention of future evils, We the Inhabitants of this River, embodied in a Reg^{t} of Militia under the command of Josiah Brewer afores^{d}, Request that Your Honours, from your known goodness, will return us to, and incorporate us with the Ancient Regiment, of which Jonathan Buck Esqr is Colonol. It was never agreeable to us, since his Appointment, to be seperated from him, under whose complaisent government, we have all possible assurance of unity and amity, which greatly promotes the happiness, and prosperity of such a people, that we are blessed with such affable, and laudable examples, & promoters of the good of all people for whom they are concerned, and with whom they are connected, and we are the more intence, & engaged in the above request; as we acertained of his zeal, and Faithfulness to preserve and defend the States, without oppressing those whom he commands.

We crave leave to show, that One Regiment is sufficient for this place, and a multitude of officers, lessens the number of privates; so that there not being sufficient commands here for all of them, they can with honour refuse exposing them-

selves in case of danger; by which means, such can avoid the inconveniences, and dangers of the war; which is injurious to the United States of all North America.

Your Honours petitioners present & submits their above request, hoping you will grant their request, and as in Duty bound, shall ever pray

Penobscot November the 5th 1777

Benjamin Higgins	John Smart	Isaac Hopkins
Charles his X mark Blackdon	Elisha Grant	Kenneth M^c^Kenzie
Eliphalet Neil	Jonathan pars	Eliphalet Nickerson
Gustavus Swan	Andrew Webster Junr	Jacob Dinnett
Thomas Campbell Capt	Robert Treat Seen^d^ Lef^n^	
Andrew Grant Capt	Moses Wentworth	Henry Kenney
Nathaniel mayhew	Joshua Couillard	Ephrm Grant
Joseph Carter Senr	James Grant	Simeon Gorton
John his O mark Salley	Samuel killam	William Sullivan
James Philbrock	Stephen Bysell	Joseph Avy
peter Sangster	William Lunnt [?]	James Duning
Ephraim Downes	joseph pumroy	Lieut Henry Black
John Pierce	Josh^a^ Treat	Ralph Deverex
Jean Cluley leiu^t^	Edmund Smith	Benjamin Smith
Joshua Treat jun	Zetham French	Joshia Burley
Robert Mc Cordey	Joshua E Ayr	Silas Harthorn Junr
Archeleus Harding	John Chisam	Ephr^m^ Grant
Eben Crosby	Goodwin his X mark Grant	Adam Grant
Ichabod colson	Samuel Rogers	John Couillard
Edward Smith	Daniel Gooden	Daniel Lancaster
James Collings	Daniel his X mark warren	Jacob his X mark Clearford
Benjn Shute Capt	Simon Smith	

We the subscribers, Hereby solemnly declare, that Col^o^ Josiah Brewer Refused delivering us our proportion of salt,

which was sent down by the Province for the relief of the distressed people of Penobscot, & never received any molassoes, but after ye Petition went from this place to Court, then Col^o^ Brewer delivered the salt to us, for which we paid the money.

John Smart
Penobscot November the 7th 1777. Jacob Dennett

Jedidiah Preble's Evidence.

The Deposition of Jedidiah Preble Junr of Lawful age testifieth & saith, That some time in September Last the Deponent went in Company with Lt Col^o^ Lowder in the Province boat, with a number of Soldiers, to Guard one Patrick Bow, who was then a prisoner, on Board said Boat, for being Detected for stealing a Quantity of Beaver out of the Truck House, and sundry merchandise: Col^o^ Lowder delivered said prisoner over to Josiah Brewer Esqr, together with a Complaint of his Crime, in order for Trial (as I thought) Mr Justice Brewer reading the Complaint, He observes to the Deponent, That in case he should proceed to the Trial, He, and Col^o^ Lowder, would Loose a Considerable Sum of Money: for he would not try the said Prisoner, but must Bind him over to the Sessions and then he would only be punished according to Law. He considers or pauses, a little time, and then saith to the Deponent, and asked me, Have you not got Orders to Inlist men into the Continental Service from Lieut Ulmore? The Deponent told him he had, But did not think Lieut Ulmore would be willing to Inlist so bad a fellow into the service. Mr Justice Brewer answered, He made no doubt he would receive him. Mr Justice then proceeded to Settle the Affair with the Prisoner, in manner following viz. Cast up the Articles he Stole, which (I think)

amounted to Fifteen pounds Twelve shillings & Four pence. He then added Three times that sum, which amounted to Sixty Two Pounds, Nine shillings & Four pence; and then told the prisoner If he would pay that sum of Money, He should be discharged. The Prisoner told him He was willing to do anything he desired to procure his liberty. Col° Brewer Esqr Replyed, If he would sign the Deponents Inlistment, and Give Him an Order upon Lieu^t Ulmore for his Bounty to the amount of that Sum; and Give his Note of Hand for the Same sum; he should be discharged from his Accusation. All which the Prisoner readily complied with, & it was Settled in this Manner in the Deponent's Presence; the prisoner was accordingly set at liberty. Colonol Brewer Esqr said to me before he finished this affair, as followeth viz. You know, if I settle the affair, without Committing the Prisoner to Gail, It will be a considerable advantage to me and Col° Lowder, which the Deponent understood, would be equally divided between them, as They were in partnership respecting the Truck trade. The Deponent further saith, That this Patrick Bow, Deserted from the Regulars to our Assistance (as he understood), and Inlisted into the Guard at Penobscot under Col° Brewer afores^d, and was a soldier in the said Guard at the time he was made prisoner.— And further saith not

Jedidiah Preble Ju^r

Penobscot November the 8th 1777

Charles Blagdon the Deponent testifieth and saith, That I and my family was in great distress for bread, and I went to Col° Josiah Brewer to procure some of the Province Corn, Salt, & molassoes, and took a large, good, bull Moose skin with me, to purchase these stores with, But Col° Brewer would give me no more than five peck of Indian corn; and by reason of my pressing famishing necessity, I was con-

strained to let the s^{d} skin go for so small a purchase; and I never received any other of the stores of Col^{o} Brewer, which belonged to the Province, thô I certified my necessity to him, and he said, he would not take lumber for them, & therefore received no more of the stores, which I aver is the truth, as witness my hand at Penobscot this 8th day of November 1777.

Test
John Herbert

Charles his X mark Blagdon

Simeon Gorton of lawful age testifieth & saith, That he was in necessity of corn & salt & molassoes, applied to Mr Benj. Wheeler of Penobscot for relief, who told him he had not wherewith to supply his necessity. But pausing a little time said, As your circumstances are difficult, I will give you an order, & money, & go to Col^{o} Brewer, & take my part of the stores, ye Province sent down for the Relief of ye people &c &c. I took the Order from under his hand, with the money, & went to Col^{o} Brewer, delivering ye Order to him, & offering him ye money for the stores, Col^{o} Brewer reading ye Order Refused it for the following reason viz. because it should have said, The stores sent to Penobscot by ye Massachusetts Bay State, & he gave me ye order again.— I then immediately returned ye Order to Mr Wheeler aforesaid, who wrote me a substitute one, I went back to Col^{o} Brewer ye second time for ye stores, But he reading ye Order as before had no Objection against it; but replied, Your family is but small, & I will not deliver them to you, others have more need of them, & they shall have them, & gave me ye order, saying, You should have brought a receipt with you to deliver to me on receiving ye stores; for which reason I will not let you have them. I answered, There is ye Order, & I will sign a receipt for them consonant with ye Order, & that was sufficient to justify his delivering them to me But he utterly

refused ye delivery of ye said stores, or any part of them to me. Upon which I tendered him the money for the stores, which he also refused. Upon which I came away without any part of them, after I had spent more time than to have purchased an equal quantity if they were to be procured anywhere else. Given under my hand at Penobscot November the 10th 1777

Simeon Gorton

Joshua Ayr of Lawful age testifieth & saith, that some time in last May (according to my memory) the Deponant applied to Lt Col^o^ Jon^a^ Lowder for his proportion of Corn, Salt & Mollasoes, sent by ye State of ye Massachusetts Bay; for the Support of ye distressed people of Penobscot. He answered me & said I staid too long, & should have none: for it was gone, & he was not obliged to keep it for me. The Deponant said, he could not come for it before he had the money to pay for it, & that he now had Silver money to pay for it, & requested the Corn, Salt, & Molassoes, as he had ye silver to pay for them. Upon which he said, what stores he had, he purchased with his money, & the Province Corn, Salt, & Molassoes was gone, adding the Deponant should have come sooner, Upon which I replied, He refused to deliver them to me before I had the money to pay for them, and as soon as I could collect the money to pay for them, I applied for them. Upon which the Deponant went off. Col^o^ Lowder sent Lt Andrew Gillman after me, who brought me back to Col^o^ Lowder, & he delivered six quarts to a person, & as I had ten in family he delivered me Sixty Quarts, for which I paid him; but refused to let me have Corn or Molassoes; of which Species I never received the least particle. The deponent asked Col^o^ Lowder, whether ye Court or he set a price upon ye salt? He said, Twenty four shillings old tenor was all I should pay for it, and said he had been a benefit to the river in fetching stores into the

River; but he never would again further than his own interest: Gods me; if I do I'll be dam-d, and be made a stew-pye in hell. Lt Col° said not [long] after, That he did not value ye hurt all ye people of the River could do him, but would do that which is right in his own eyes, but said this respecting the false alarm, Reported from Oldtown by Lieu^t Gillman, & Ensign Coburn which first alarmed ye River, further the Deponent saith not, but avouches the truth of the above, In witness whereof ye Deponant signs his hand at Penobscot November the 12, 1777 —

Test John Herbert Joshua Ayr

Nathanael Mahew of lawful age testifieth & saith, that he received Two Bushells of Indian Corn of the State stores of Col° Josiah Brewer viz. One Bushell for himself, & another for the Widow Rose, and dividing said Corn between them at home, it fell short One peck of corn of ye measure, & ye Deponant saith none of ye said Corn was taken out of ye bag, or otherwise wasted, for which he paid ye money. & ye Deponant solemnly avoweth ye truth of ye above, as witness my hand at Penobscot November ye 12. 1777.

Test John Herbert Nathaniel Mayhew.

Gustavus Swan's Evidence.

Gustavus Swan of lawful age testifieth & saith, That he was drafted for a minute man and Col° Brewer not long after came from Boston, & brought with him a quantity of powder, sent by the Massachusetts Bay State, to supply his Regiment, Upon which I applied to Col° Brewer afores^d for my proportion of ye Powder. But he refused to let me have any of the s^d powder, unless I would give him my note for Two dollars for one half a pound of Powder. Which I refused to do. And so left him. I remained without any of that pow-

der until the generally conceived false alarm, at Ensign Coburns up the River: before wch alarm there was a meeting here, & a petition was sent up to ye General Court by Mr Elihu Hews, wch he did not present, After which petition, & false Alarm Capt Grants company was called together, to appoint an alarm post, & deliver us powder. Then Col^{o} Brewer told Capt Grant to deliver the men half a pound of powder a man, & either take half a dollar in money, or a note of hand for that sum of such persons that received the powder of him. The Deponant further saith, that Mr Andrew Paterson, went with him in the same cannooe, to Col^{o} Brewer, when he first applied to him for powder, but Col^{o} Brewer demanding a Note of hand for Two Dollars for half a pound of powder of him, as he did of me, he refused the powder, as I had done, and we went off together. The truth of ye above I aver as on oath, November the 16. 1777.

Gustavus Swan

Gustavus Swan's Evidence.

Gustavus Swan the Deponant of lawful age testifieth & saith, That Captain Jedidiah Preble came from Boston with sundry articles belonging to the Massachusetts Bay State (as I understood) to supply the Indians at Penobscot, for furs, & skins &c &c.— In the beginning of the winter of ye year 1775: the river being rose & impassible from Captain Grants at Sowerdebscott upward, The goods was housed, or stored in a house belonging to Thomas Goldthwait Junr where Capt Preble tarried several days to take care of the goods he had brought down. Lt Col^{o} Jonathan Lowder came down and relieved him, whilest he went up the River to procure carriages to transport them by land to the truck House. Capt Preble removed the goods as soon as he possibly could with safety: But I understood, that Capt Preble had took

Col° Lowder to be a Partner with him in the Truck trade, & he supposed Col° Lowder would take the same care of the goods, he himself would have done. Capt Preble removed the goods without delay to the Truck House, where Col° Lowder then lived, boarding with one Silas Harthorn in the same house: but Capt Preble lived up the River about a mile distant. Col° Lowder unknown to Capt Preble set up or approved of a frolick twice a week, & sometimes three times a week, in a room adjacent to ye store shop & sometimes was in ye shop where the stores were beginning at about dark in the evening, which frolicking & dancing was continued sometimes till ten oClock, sometimes till midnight, & at other times all night, drinking spirituous liquors: Col° Lowder sometimes begun the frolick with a present of Two quarts of rum, & sometimes with one quart, and made himself one in the dance and frolick; in this method Col° Lowder proceeded for two months, or until the Rum failed, which time I was generally there, being imployed by Col° Lowder in cutting Mill Loggs & I was greatly disturbed in the House for want of my necessary rest, which to procure I gave the Fidler one night a Pistereen to desist from his fiddleing, which he did, & broke up the dance y^t night as I hoped: But I was greatly disappointed: for they sung & danced all night, till sun-rise in the following morning.

Lieu^t Col° Lowder imployed, Charles Blagdon, Josiah Burley, Ichabod Colson, Robt Man, Ebeneizr McKenzie, Silas Harthorn, Simeon Smith, with one teem of oxen in ye general every day, and Ensign Jeremiah Coburn butted loggs &c. Col° Lowder was generous with liquor to revive the hearts of his laborers, & paid them for their labour in Corn, Pork, Hoggsfat, Rum, Tobacco &c which was generally designed to be brought for the use of the Indians. The Indians seeing the materials brought down for them, disposed of in the above manner, were exceedingly displeased, & would not

suffer any one of us, to go into the store room; which resentment, was also directly against Capt Preble, who they took to be the master of ye Truck trade at that time, & after this manner Col^{o} Lowder conducted until the stores were chiefly gone. To the truth of the above the Deponant is ready to make oath, as witness my hand at Penobscot November the 16th 1777 —

Gustavus Swan.

Josiah Burley & Silas Hathorn being present before the Committee Dec. 13, 1777 Confirm the within Testimony.

Gustavus Swan's Evidence.

I the subscriber of lawful age testifieth & saith, That Mr Benjamin Wheeler of Penobscot went to Col^{o} Josiah Brewers house at Penobscot Afores^{d} with ye coppy of ye papers, sent to ye place afores^{d} by ye General Court of ye Massachusetts Bay State; and enquired for Col^{o} Brewer afores^{d} of ye maid: she told him that ye Col^{o} was not at home. Mr Wheeler then desired to see Mrs Brewer. The maid said she saw gone out. Doc^{r} John Herbert being present, Asked the maid, Where Mr Brewer was gone? The maid said, she would not tell. He then asked her how long he was gone? The maid replied, About half an hour. He then asked her whether it was likely he would be gone any time? To which she replied, She did not know. Upon which ye Doctor turned & said to Mr Wheeler, his business would not admit his tarrying, & therefore desired him to dispatch his business, as they were going up ye River in one Cannooe. Upon which Mr Wheeler, told the maid he had brought coppies of certain papers sent by ye Genl Court to Col^{o} Brewer & his associates, & then being the 7th day of November 1777, took out ye s^{d} coppies, & presented them, & made a tender of

them. The maid said, He might leave them with her, & she would give them to Col° Brewer on his return. But Mr Wheeler said, he must give them to Col° Brewer himself. Lt Col° Lowder & Lieut Andrew Gillman was then absent, being gone to Machains as was reported. The deponant declares the above to be the whole truth, & nothing but the truth, & is ready to confirm it with his oath

Gustavus Swan

Penobscot November ye 16th 1777.

Mechias November 18th 1777,—

Sir,

The Multiplicity of Business which has Surrounded me, Since my Appot to the Command at this Place, & daily waiting the Arrival of Colo. Campbell & Colol Nevers with the Instructions &e (the former only arriv.s the 15th & the Latter not yet) Has Prevented my Informing the Honble Board of any matters this way Since the 12th Ult° which Neglect I pray may be Excuzed,—

Not having received any pertieular Instructions from the Honble Board, I have Endeavourd to Act from my own Knowledge, what I thought most Beneficial,—

The men has Come in very slow & indeed from certain Information that the Enemy may not be Expected, I am Satisfy'd that no more come & have wrote Colol Nevers that one Hundred Men will be Sufficient & not recruit more,— By the bad Weather, which we have severely Experienced, very Little Progress have been made in our Small Fortress,— I think By the Tenth of Next Month to Discharge all But Fifty, as I shall not be at any further Expence than is absolutely Necessary without further orders from the Honble Board,—

I have it not in my Power by this Opporty to communicate

Perticularly, respecting Military Matters, but shall in a few Days,—

The Present is Occationed by the Arrival of Col. Lowther Capt Gilman & some chiefs of the Penobscot Tribe respecting matters on that River. It appears the Indians will not Settle any matters but thro' my hands, & indeed I have promised to be there some time ago but being obliged to give close attention here during the Difficultys, which rendered it Impossible to give attendance there,— It appears to me from what I Can learn that the Treatment they receive on that river, By the Trade being permitted for every one, that they will go to Canada for Supplys,— I wrote the Honble Board the 25th Sepr on these affairs & must again strongly recommend that the Trade be intirely Prohibited, only the Truck Houses,— or at least that certain Persons be Licenced under severe penaltys & restrictions,— and from Acc^{ts} I received it is highly requesete & Necessary that a Truck House with full supplys shoud be keep'd up there as it woud bring in the Indians from Canada,—

I find I shall not have it in my Power to keep my Indian Soldiers, in such Regular order as I woud chuse, there fluctuating Turn of mind, & So Subject to Liquor that I admit but of few to be in Town,— I had a conference with them the other Day, upon Settleing the past Summers Business,— one of the Cap^{ts} in Perticular rose & said that no Distinction shoud be made with the Pay,— But have the Officers, Overplus, Distributed among the Soldiers, their Honour being Sufficient, By which I Payd them Ten Dollers p̲ month from the 2^{d} August (we arrived here) till the Latter end of October, Drawing upon the Truck House to Discount in the same manner as with furrs,— the Men who was in actual Service this Summer about 30 — which I chuse to keep close with me as it Commands all the others of the Various Tribes,— I Promised to allow their familys some Provision

for the winter, all the rest pays for it the perticulars of this I shall mention in my Next,— I show'd them the Commissions sent they are highly pleased. We agreed to have all the Diff^{t} Tribes meete at there Villages, chuse their Principle chief & under Captains, which shoud meete this fall, at Mechias, when Commissions shoud be given them Signifying their Diff^{t} Ranks & be intitled to pay when Calld on Duty,— Shoud the Honble Board find any fault, or know of anything more proper to be Done, it woud add to the many Obligations I owe woud they be kind enough to Communicate it,—

Capt Crabtree arrived here Yesterday. He has been to the mouth of St Johns where he found a Truck House Errected, By the Britains under the Care of Messrs Hazen White & Simonds, he Took every thing of that property only, allso all the Indian Pledges he has brot & Deliverd me, Expecting some payment, I cannot say how far this was Legal for a Privetier, But I am Extreemly Glad it was Done, and am sure Crabtree woud not have Done it, if he tho't it not for the Best as he has Acted here with much Honour,—

Time not permitting me to write more on Bussiness, But cannot conclude without mentioning to the Honble Board, the Unhappy Situation of my unfortunate family having heard that a Carteel was Intended, I posponed writing to the Province for fear it should Thwart the generous Intentions of the Honble Court,—but hearing no Acc^{ts} for Six Weeks, I made bold to send Mr Delesdernier with five men in a Boat, four Indians in Two Burch Canoes. The Two Canoes returned a few Days ago, Bringing me Intelligence that Mrs Allen & children were siezed & put in close confinement in the Garrison, this appears to be Occationed by Mr Franklin & others who were at St Johns, as they attrebute the reason if not, penetrating & Distroying this Eastern part,

Because of my going the Indians, this frown of Providence I Justly Merit, tho' Greatest affliction I ever Experienced, I must Say was I not in the Situation I am, I certainly wound penetrate that Province, with a Number of Men and Endeavour to Treat them, as they Deserve,—

Having received Intelligence that some Provision Vessels & others are Bound Up the Bay of Fundie, the Meresheete will Sail to morrow in Company with Capt Crabtree in order to Intersept them, & as it appears that no other but the Gage Sloop, or Loyall Nova Scotia Schooner, will be their Convoy, I hope to have a Good Acc^{t} of them. in the Meresheete I shall put Eight or Ten Men of the Troops, which Shall be credited the Military Department,— I have Desired Crabtree to Seeze one Justice say at the mouth of St Johns, who was one of the persons that Bro't the Troops, to Land him at the mouth of Cumberland Bay, with a Letter to Colo^{l} Goreham to Dismiss my family, or reprisals will be made if refused,—

Permit me at this Time to Congratulate the Honble Board on the success of the American Arm, in the Northern Department a circumstance which must Redound to the Honour of Amarica, Even Shoud they be Conquored after,— May the God of Armies give Conduct, Courage & Resolution to all our Officers & Soldiers, to Enable them to convince those Tools of Dispotism, that Amaricans Valour & Virtue Springs from the Devine fountain,— may Wisdom & Justice Reign in all our Senates,— is the Earnest Prayer & Wish, of Hono'd & Respectfull Sir your most obedient & Devoted Hble Servt

J. Allan

Novem^{r} 19th 1777 —

Since I wrote the above I have had another Conference with the Penobscut Indians,— they Produced some promises in Writing from the General Court, some of which have not

been Complyd With,—all which I promised shoud be fullfiled & convinced them, to their Satisfaction why it was not before,—

As to the meeting which was intended before mentioned, it is referred to the Spring,—I must again give it as my Oppinion that a Truck House be Supplyd,—I understand there is great Quantitys of Peltry, which they will be forced to Carry to Monsier Lunier, if not otherways Supplyd,—It will be Necessary that the familys of those who were in the Service on Penobscut River this Summer, Shoud have some Little provisions During the Winter—

I have been obliged to Spare some Rum from the Truck House for the Soldiers Expecting that some woud be sent to them,—

I woud mention that Nathan Jones Esq. was taken the other Day by Capt Crabtree & Carry'd him to frenchmans Bay to his own House. He was bound for Passamequody. If these things are Tolerated, the Horrors of Warr will be Endless,—By my Next I shall Trouble the Honble Board with Several Matters,—

I hope the Hospitality Politeness & Generosity which New England is so Distinguishd by, will not give to much Liberty to Mr Burgoyn & his Army, give me Leave to say that I Know well the Dissmiliation Deseit & Intreguing Talents of those Miscreants & Tools of antichrist,—

The Honble Jeremiah Powel Esq. Presedent of the Hon^bl the Council Board of the State of the Massachusetts Bay—

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble Council & Hon^b House of Representatives of said State, setting in Boston Novr 19, 1777—

The Petition of John Robinson of Robinson's Island in the County of Lincoln, Mariner, humbly shews.

That for several years past, your petitioner has lived at the Eastward of said Robinson's Island, during which time the principal part of his employments from his thorough acquaintance with the harbours contiguous has been to pilot & safely conduct into Port, any American Vessels that needed his assistance.— That he has been since the commencement of these present difficulties peculiarly active in piloting the many privateers, which are continually cruising about said Island into different harbours, & very often into a convenient one of said Island which is adjoining to his own possessions. That said Harbour is the continual resort of Privateers, & where in general they supply themselves with wood and water — That he lately has entered on board the Washington Privateer & been a cruise against the enemies of the united States of America — Your Petitioner begs leave further to shew that about five leagues distance from said Island, there is an Island called Cramberry Island, the harbours of which are exposed to, & frequented by the British Ships of War in their different Cruises against these States.— That since this has been known to be the situation of said Island, a certain Andrew Herrick of a public inimical disposition to the cause of America which your petitioner is ready to prove, has moved his place of residence from a town, named Naskeague situate on the Main, in the County of Lincoln aforesaid & contrary to the advice of his friends hath situated himself upon the outermost shore of said Cramberry Island, with a profest design of trading with the enemy of which said harbour is never entirely deserted.— Your petitioner is ready further to prove, that owing to the uniformity of your Petitioners conduct in favor of America, & the continual representations of said Herrick, his Name has become conspicuous among the enemy & his possessions with his life have been repeatedly threatened — That sometime since he was alarmed with the appearance of the enemies barges,

mann'd & accoutred, with a profest design of burning his buildings & destroying his estate, & had it not been for the assistance of the crew belonging to a privateer which at that time fortunately lay at Anchor in the Harbour, he, his family & his substance must have inevitably perished — Twice this attempt was made by the enemy, & after the exchange of several shots thro' his house, by which the lives of his Wife & Children were greatly exposed, the same cause prevented the execution of their second design, excepting the loss of some live stock from his Farm — Your Petitioner begs leave also to shew that about three months since going on board the Privateer called the Active, commanded by Captain Gardener, with a design to pilot said ship into the Harbour of Robinson's Island, & save her from one of the enemy's ships of War, of larger force, & with whom she was then engaged, & must have struck to, from the ignorance of the adjacent Shores, having effected his purpose, he mentioned to the said Gardener, the said Herricks Character & Situation, who when made acquainted with the circumstances manned a barge, under the command of his Lieutenant to visit said Herrick. Upon his Arrival, being asked by said Herrick who he was, & receiving for an answer "a barge in in the Service of the King of Great Britain, the said Herrick then & there, in order to be at that time protected, produced a protection which he had received from one of the British Ships of War (which is ready to be produced to your Honors) the Commodore as he then said, & further the said Herrick declared he had at different times traded with the British Fleet & always had received his money for his Cattle & other things which he had made articles of Merchandise," & immediately offered the Lieu^t a bullock — Since this Expedition from the threats of the said Herrick & the Enemy, your Petitioner has been obliged to fly from his possession with his wife & family & leave exposed a large

farm, & a great quantity of Stock & Provision — Your Petitioner therefore, from his own peculiar situation, which is five miles from any habitation, from the profest inimical disposition of said Herrick & the power he is now in possession of & exercises to distress & destroy your Petitioner & the inhabitants living upon the neighboring shore, & for the allegations herein contained, which many stand ready to prove, earnestly prays your Honors that the said Andrew Herrick may be sent for immediately to answer to the above assertions, & that he may be removed from his present situation, & from the power of acting hereafter in direct opposition to the cause of his Country —

And as in duty bound shall ever pray

John Robinson

In Council Novr 26^{h} 1777 Read & thereupon Resolved that John Taylor Esq with such as the Hon'ble House shall join be a Committee to consider the above Petition & report what is best to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Nov. 27, 1777

Read & Concurred and Mr Greenleaf & Capt Batchelder are joined J Warren Spkr

Mechias Novr 20th 1777 Twelve OClock A.M.

Sir,

M^{r} DeLesdernier is Just returned who Brings Intellegence that the Enemy, were about to fortify St Johns River, & a Ship is Daily Expected there,— that a reinforce^{t} has arrived at Cumberland, & are billitted out among the Inhabitants,— that Mrs Allan & Children are in the Fort & Guarded by Twelve Men when ever permitted to go out, therefore do

not Expect to Git them only by Force,— that Burgoyan's Disaster had not reachd Nova Scotia — that all the Indians on the head of St Johns & a Number of the Mickmacks are on their way for this Place, Piere Tomma the Chief of the St Johns Tribe who has been with Francklin is with them,—

I have the Honor to Be with Profound Respect Sir Your most ob^{t} hbl serv^{t}

J Allan.

The Honble Jermiah Powel Esqr

To the Honrable Cort and House of Representitives in the State of the Masatuses bay we your Humble petishnors Humbly Beag Leave to make our Distreases and Requeasts known to your honers and Theay may Come under your wise Considrashon, that is we the inhabbitants of Freanchman's Bay Being often Cald from our beasones to the assestance of our fellowsoffers att Mechias Could not take proper Care of what Litle we had Grooing Soo that our Crops wase cut Short in Boath provishon and heay which Brought us to Great strats But yeat Still In hopes to wory throo the weanter with out trobling this honorable Cort having Loaded a Large Scooner and Sloop with Lumber and haveing Some fur and Such on bord to send to Boston to geat provishon for our Support But unhappely they Boath fell in to the Enemyes Hand, and having had one Sloop taken from us about three months Before we have Lost navagashon belonging to the please Not with Standing have Lumber anufe to purcheas what we Shall have Nead of but No chance to Geat it to amarcket and Being Disapoynted of all our prospicts our hopes Cut off we must Beag Leave to throo our Selves on the marsie of this Honrable Cort for some mony or provishon to Support us throo the winter Humbly trusting that our Requast will

Be by your honers Granted and as wee are in duty Bound Shall Ever

Dated att freanchmans Bay by virtue of aspeashel meeting Heald on November 24th 1777 and by the add vise of the Same we the Subscribers being the Committee of this plase Doe present this petishon In behalf of our Selves and consteatuance.

By the hand of Capt. Paul Simpson who wase appoynted Agent for the Same Reasones.

Nath. Prebble
Stephen Hardison
Paul Simpson.

Mechias November 27th 1777.—

Sir.

My last was of the 18th 19th & 20th Inst By Colol Lowder, I herewith send a State of the Men under my Command to the 23d Inst, allso a state of them the 10th Octor when I took the Command, By which the Honble Board may see the Superfluous Number of Officers, & Non Commissioned Officers This I have perceived has been Much Accustomed & Practized, thro'out the Army in America, But Perticularly in this District,—

By such Appointments & the Shortness of the Service, Accumilate Charges to an Anormous & unnessassary Amount — Giving Officers Commissions before the Inlisting Men I must think Improper, & the Appointing Non Commission'd Officers, before there is Men Sufficient is useless, as it is very Expencive & Brings duty harder upon the Private Soldiers which are Present,— Non Commissioned Officers in the British service (recruiting Partys only Excepted) is sildom appointed, till the Company is raised, when there is a better opportunity to Gete more Suitable Men for the Bussiness, the appointments being allways by Merit,—

I mention this an Evil I Commonly see & indeed if I had it in my Power I would have prevented it in this part,—

By the Return the Honble Board will perceive, that there is some Columns Difficient in Staff Officers, which I intend to Continue so, as I shall not Employ any more than is Necessary, there was some Lately arrived Expecting some such Births which I allowed Rations to on Conditions of their Doing Duty as Soldiers, some Declines & others Except,—

An Ordenance Store Keeper is absolutely requeset in such parts as this, I Perceived the Last Summer, Great Wast of Arms & Amunition which I am Confident Can Never be Accounted for, I accordingly Appointed one in that Charecter, allowing him Serjents wages, in whose hands I put every thing respecting the Artillery, Small Arms, Powder, Balls &c —

Several such appointments are Necessary, but it should not intitle them to full pay,— I have Diviated no Doubt from the stated Rules, but mean to Persue that Meathod as may be most Beneficial for the Service, & advantage to the States, & have only allowed pay according to the Benefit arrising,—

I have understood that the Muster Roll made up for the Expedition to St John's Last Spring, (which Roel I never heard of till a few Days ago) Several Employments are filled up, which were Needless & what was Never agreed for or Intended — on the Arrival of Major Shaw I shall Examin very Closely before the Money is paid out —

On the 23^{d} Ins^{t} I Discharged Thirty Privates Belonging to Capt Dyers & Wests' Comp^{y} who Belonged to this District, as it did not Deminish the strength of the Place,— the Officers & Non Commissioned Officers, I chuse to Keep a Little Longer, till I Gete in all the Arms Ammunition &c which were Del^{d} out — I shall Dismiss as fast as Possible,—

We have had some good wether a few Days past, I keep the Men Constant at work about our Little fort, as I want to gete the Cannon Secure before winter,—

I mention'd in one of my former Letter of Takeing from the Truck House some Cloath for Soldiers which were in the Utmost Destress,— I have allso Taken Corn for Meal to make the Mens Rations Compleat, and by the Desmal situation of a Number of familys husbands & sons have been some time in the Service, I have made so free as to spare several Bushels, which by all appearance woud have perished if not given,

Permit me once more to request the Honble Court that if Possible they woud advance some Corn & Cloathing from the Publick Stores towards paying soldiers Wages for many appears no use this way, Excuse this Supplication, Humanity forces it,

I find a Considerable Difficency in the Supplys for the Truck House which was voted by the Hoñble Court shoud they be made up, & what is advanced to the soldiers Returned, It woud be sufficient for the Truck House,

In my Letter of the 12th Ult^o^ I mention'd about Keeping Twenty men, the Number I have Compleated & form'd them into a Seperate Corps by themselves keeping them Constantly at Exercizing the Great Guns, shoud it be thought Expedient to keep them, I shoud be Glad to Know as soon as Possible,

Any Expresses the Honble Board woud want to Send, woud be Glad it Might be Convey'd to Cambden, where steps will be Taken to Convey it this way,

The Enormous & monsterous Charges, which Comes in at these Times make Me Sometimes Stagger what to Do, It often Discourages me in my Business, I trust that Matters will soon take a Different Turn,

The Difficultys which I am under respecting Lodging the

Indians and having them about me, Obliges me to mention to the Honble Board the Necessity there is for a house Seperate to myself,— the Trouble which they give the Inhabitants & their often Quarreling gives me much more Business,— they incline Indeed to be mostly with me in the same House, which if a small one keeps Continual Confusion,— I Cannot hire one Convenient at the falls so Called, But there is one on the Eastern Branch near the fort at the Rhym & More adjacent to the Indians, which was formerly the Property of Ichabod Jones, It appears it is under the immediate order of government, I shoud be Extreemly glad if I cou'd, have the Use of it During my Publick Employment in this Place,—

I have the Honour to be with Respect & Regard Sir Your most Obd^{t} & Devoted Hbl Servt J Allan

The Hon^{le} Jeremiah Powell Esqr

November 28^{h}

The Letter from the Honble Board to me of the 12th Augt Came to hand a few Days ago. Several of my Letters have been so Detained, I must beg Leave to Acquaint the Honble Board how I am harrass'd, By some Persons, in respect of supplying the Indians with Liquor — I have taken every step to keep Quietness & Overlook'd many Irragularitys, only hinting by Advertisements to Shame them from it, Stephen Jones Esq. in perticular, whome I have Endeavour'd to Treat with that respect due the Station he holds, & Did not for a Trifle Chuse to Expose him,—But it became so flagrant & Audatious, that I was Compel'd to Prosecute I recommended it might be Done by a Summons, & not a Warrent, as I was against his being bro't in such a Manner, But he Treated it with much Contempt,— A Moose Skin was found belonging to the State in his Possession, when a Warrent was sent for him,— Colo^{l} Foster who I am Confident is a very Upright, Honest Man — tho' not so well

avers'd in Law,— Mr Jones seem'd to Dispise & woud give no satisfaction, I insisted on the Judgment & acquainted him I shoud use my Authority as Commanding Officer of the Military for the futer with him if he Persisted,—

The Honble Board being no Doubt Burthen'd with Complaints &c I have sent the Proceedings to Messrs Cross of Newbury to be presented when Convenient, to Know if the Proceedings be Consistant with the Intentions of Government as many persons Construe the Resolve Concerning these Matters many ways, I mean to make no Complaint against Mr Jones, as I Doubt not his Conduct will be so flagrant as not to want a perticular Prosecution,—

The Honble Board will perceive that there is Fifty Three in the Indian List, this Number is Uncertain, as they are about on their Hunts, within the report of the Cannon, shoud there be an Allarm,— there is None now on Wages but Ambroise & Five more But Generally about Twenty five allways Present, the three Commissioned Officers is Capt Preble Messrs Lewis Delesdernier & James Avery, all of whome the Indians are much Attached to,— Mr Delesdernier was with me During the whole time with the Indians, he is perfect in the french Language & some Indian, him & Mr Avery have been of Great Service in the Business & the Indians much Satisfyd at their having Commissions, Time will not permit me to write Concerning them and I Doubt not but the Honble Board will think I am Troublesome enough,—

The Honble Board will please to Excuse the Trouble they had about some Affairs of the Meresheete Schooner in respect to Supplys, I never intended any such thing, as I Determined to Give as Little Trouble as Possible, knowing the great Business which Surrounded them, my orders was not Comply'd with respecting the Vessell, By them I had Intrusted, The Great & Monsterous Charges bro't in & the Little

Profits arrising, I tho't best to Discharge the Schooner from the Service for the Present, have sent a Small Schooner up the Bay which I had here, as mentioned in my Last, I am Respectfully Your most hble

J Allan

Kittery Novr 29th 1777

Sir The Honorable Council Some time Since Honor'd me with a Commission for one of the Justices of the Superior Court of Common Pleas for the County of York of which I shall ever retain a most thankful rememberance —

I find my State of Health and bodily infirmities are such that it will not admit of my giving the due and constant attendance at the Courts.

Therefore I do Voluntarily Resign and desire that there may be an appointment in my stead

I Heartily wish the Honorable Council the Divine Presence and Direction in transacting the Public affairs of the State

I have the Hon^{r} to be Sir your most Obd and Hum^{l} Servt

James Gowen

In Council Ja^{y} 16, 1778

Read & accepted Jno Avery D^{y} Secy.

The Honorable the President of the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Instructions to Representative. 1777.

To Henry Woods Esq. Representative for the Town of Pepperrell in the General Assembly, of the State of the Massachusetts Bay —

We the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Pepperrell in Town Meeting Assembled Novr 29: 1777. Having maturely consider^{d} the late Act of the Great and General Assembly of this State for calling in and giving publick Notes on Intrest, for all the Bills of publick credit of this State excepting those that are on intrest and that are in value less than one dollar.— Think it will be attended with Many and great evils to this State. As this nesesary but unhapy War has unavoidably occasioned a heavy debt to be contracted by this State and likely to increase. We think that paying intrest for such a large sum must much increase the Debt without equivalent advantage many other evils attend the calling in so large a sum at once. Many persons that have this States Money by them and little else must carry it in and take Notes for the same or loose it which money they will need to pay their Taxes, with for the want of which their Goods and Chattles must be taken to their great damage or prehaps to their utter Ruen —

We are Sencable that the high and uncertain price of the Nesasaries of life is a great grievance and must prove very hurtfull if not checked for which good purpose we Suppose the Honourable general Assembly passed the late Act — But with all humble submission think that calling it in a little more Moderately by a Tax might answer the same purposes without being attended by so many bad consequences — For the above reasons and many More which might be Mentioned — We desire and expect you will use your best endeavours in the General Assembly to procure a repeal of the Above s^{d} Act —

Presenting the above Instructions to your wise Consideration. Wish you and all true friends to the American States, The allwise Gods direction that he would lead you in the way that shall be most for the good of this and all the American States and never suffer you to be led a side from

seeking the welfair of your Country is the Prayer of your Constituants

Wm Prescott
John Nutting
Thos Spaulding } Committee
John Shed

Voted to accept the Report of the Comtee and that the Clark serve the Representative with a Copy of the same.

Pepperrell Novr 29th 1777

a true Copy attest

Wm Green Town Clark

I Jacob Bussell the Deponant of lawful age testifieth and saith, That I was frequently in company with Mr Benjamin Wheeler of Wheelers Borough, And heard him say that he feared North America would not be able to stand against Great Britain for the following reasons viz. He feared the Provinces would not be united, and had not sufficient Powder and Cannon: but did not doubt we had men enough: and added, He would be willing to be stripped to his skin to gain the victory of England; and I never see or knew him to be assisting, either by word or deed against the Interest of the States, or in favour of the regulars. The Massachusetts Bay, sent down Powder and other stores to the people of this place and I went to Colo Brewer for Powder, and led for bullets, that I might be prepared to engage the enemy: but he refused letting me have any Amunition until the enemy attacked us: I then went off. Soon after this I was telling Mr Wheeler aforesaid I had applied to Colo Brewer for amunition to be in readiness for the enemy, but could procure none of him upon any conditions. said Mr Wheeler replied, He would supply me with Powder and Ball out of his own

stores for the service aforesaid, and further said, he would supply the People with amunition as long as he had any, and said this from time to time. I requested my proportion of Corn and Molassoes, and Salt, from time to time of Col° Brewer and Lt Col Lowder: but they never let me have any salt, and but two quarts of molassoes, & as he said my share of the corn. I aver the above to be the Truth, & am ready to confirm it with my oath, as witness my hand at Penobscot, December the 1, 1777.

Jacob Bussell

I the Deponant Thomas Howard, of Penobscot, of lawful Age testifieth and saith, That the Deponant hath long been intimately acquainted with Mr Benjamin Wheeler of the place aforesaid, and heard him often say, He had amunition by him, which he reserved to disperce amongst the inhabitants here, to enable them to engage any enemy, that should attempt to make an invasion upon this place; and ever heard him speak friendly to ye general tranquility of the States of North America; and I never heard, knew, or suspected, that he held any correspondance with any person, suspected of being attached to our common enemy & that were enemical to the States: which could not be secretted from me, provided any such thing had been. He repeatedly, and at all times said, he would gladly assist in person, and with his substance those who were expoased in confronting the attempts and progress of the enemy, and he ever appeared to be sincere. But as he keeps a Corn or gristmill, from which he could not be spared, unless all went against the enemy: in that case, he would assist their families at home in their absence. To the truth of the above I am ready to make oath, as witness my hand at Penobscot December the 2^d 1777.

Thomas Howard

I do upon Recollection asert the whole of the above to be the truth, and further saith, I was at Portsmouth with Mr Wheeler aforesaid, and I complained to him I had no amunition to equip me to oppose the enemy: and he offered me money to purchase the amunition for the use aforesaid, and at another time, when I was going where the enemy was, he actually furnished me with amunition to engage them. The above I assert to be truth, and am ready to confirm it with my oath, as witness my hand at Penobscot December the 2^d 1777.

Jacob Bussell.

In the House of Representatives Dec. 2^d 1777

Resolved that the Hon. Council be & hereby are desired to give orders for discharging the eight Men stationed on Merryconeag Neck & Sebasso Degin Island in the County of Cumberland who were inlisted agreeable to a Resolve of ye 24th June last it appearing to this Court unnecessary to continue them longer in Service than the seventh instant

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker p Tem:

In Council Dec. 2^d 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^y Sec^y

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Spooner	A Ward
W Sever	John Taylor	S Holten
A Fuller	Jabez Fisher	John Whitcomb
N Cushing	Tim^o Danielson	D Hopkins
Josiah Stone	Jedediah Preble	D Sewall

To the Honorable Council and Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in general court assembled Humbly shews.

Elizabeth Ross of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland — Widow — That some time in or about the Month of May A D 1775 were taken out of her House in said Falmouth a large Silver Cup and Tankard, & carried to the House of Coll Edmund Phiney in Gorham in said County, and by order of this Hon. Court lately deposited among a number of other Articles, with the Committee of said Gorham — The cup was some time ago put into her Custody by Mr Edward Tyng a friend to the American States who is now in some part of Europe The Tankard was once the property of her Son in Law William Tyng, now absent from this State —

She apprehends they were both suppos'd by the Persons who took them, to be the Property of the said William Tyng, who was at that time suspected of being unfriendly to these States — but your Petitioner begs leave to inform your Honors that neither of them was in the custody of the said William at the Time of taking them — and though it is probable she wou'd have returnd the Tankard to her said Son in Law, had he not have left the State, she humbly thinks the taking it from her was lawless & unjustifiable and whatever might be the principles of her said Son in Law or his disposition toward these States, she presumes she has not by any Act of her own forfeited her claim to the protection of the Law —

She has been a very great sufferer on Account of the supposed unfriendly Principles of Mr Tyng. Her Houses have been almost Destroyed —

Her Goods have been despoiled — and her Estate wasted in a manner that wou'd shock your Honours to be informed of —

Taking these things into consideration your Petitioner has

grounds to hope — and therefore humbly prays that your Honors woud order the Committee aforesaid to restore the said Cup and Tankard to your Petitioner — or otherwise relieve her as in your Wisdom you shall think best — And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray —

Eliz Ross

Resolve on the Petition of Elizabeth Ross of Falmouth.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Dec. 2d 1777

On the Petition of Elizabeth Ross of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland praying that the Committee of Gorham may be directed to deliver her a Silver cup and Tankard which were taken from her House some time in or about the Month of May A D 1775 and now in the hands of said Committee by order of the General Court

Resolved That the Prayer of said Petition be so far granted as that the said Committee be and are hereby directed to deliver to the said Elizabeth Ross or to her Order the said Silver Cup to remain in her hands until demanded of her by Edward Tyng mentioned in her Petition or by his legal Representative, she giving said Committee a Receipt therefor —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker p Tem

In Council Dec. 2d 1777

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	John Taylor	S Holton
R Derby	Jabez Fisher	Danl Davis
D Hopkins	Josiah Stone	Jedidiah Preble
Timo Danielson	John Whitcomb	A Fuller
N Cushing		

Resolve on Petition of John Robinson, Dec. 3, 1777.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider the petition of John Robinson representing that one Andrew Herrick on Cramberry Island in the County of Lincoln is aiding & assisting the Enemys of America and praying that s^d^ Herrick may be Prevented from Acting thus in opposition to the Cause of his Country — have attended that Service, & take leave to report that s^d^ Robinson be & he hereby is directed to make his Complaint to either of the Justices of the Peace in said County to the extent that said Herrick may be dealt with as to Law and Justice appertains, which is humbly Submitted

John Taylor ꝑ order

In Council Dec 3^d^ 1777
Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence

Samuel Adams secy

In the House of Representatives Decr 3rd 1777.
Read & concurred and thereupon Resolved that John Robinson, who in his Petition to this Court has represented that one Andrew Herrick living on Cramberry Island in the County of Lincoln is aiding & assisting the enemies of America & prayed that said Herrick may be prevented from Acting thus in opposition to his country, be & he hereby is directed to make his complaint to either of the Justices of the peace in said County to the Intent that said Herrick may be dealt with as to Law & Justice appertains

Sent down for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker ꝑ Tem.

In Council Dec. 5, 1777
Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^y^ Sec^y^

Consented to —

Jer Powell W Sever A Ward

John Taylor	W Spooner	Jedidiah Preble
John Whitcomb	S Holten	D Sewall
D Hopkins	Moses Gill	Josiah Stone
Tim° Danielson	N Cushing	Oliver Prescott
A Fuller	Benj Austin	

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Dec 3d 1777
Upon the Petition of Ichabod Jones praying for a Release from his Confinement at Northampton & for a Restoration of his Estates —
Resolved that the sd Ichabod Jones be & he hereby is discharged from his Confinement & that his Estates be restored to him —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pitts Speaker p Tem:

In Council Dec. 4, 1777

Read & Concurred

Jn° Avery Dy Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	Jedidiah Preble	T Cushing
Jabez Fisher	John Taylor	John Whitcomb
Tim° Danielson	D Sewall	S Holten
D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott	Josiah Stone

Mechias Decem. 4th 1777 —

Sir,

I had the Honour of receiving your favor of the 13th Olt° Concerning Invoices &c of Sundries Matters for the use of the Troops Stationed at [this place] for the Defence of Mechias & Truck House,— I have not had it in my Power

by the hurry [of my] Business to make so Perticular an Inspection as to have such an Accurate return as I Coud Wish,— Only that I find some Considerable Mistakes, the Perticulars of which I shall Expediate as soon as Possible,—

The Invoice I had Last spring had not in it Two Hogs-heads of Rum, which I before wrote about, I woud Acquaint the respectfull Board that I stand Indebted to the State therefor as Truck Master,

I have the Honour to be with Due Respect Sir your most obedient & very hbble Servt

Stephen Smith

The Honble the Presedent of the Board of War

Lincoln Ss. To Jonathan Bowman Esqr Judge of Probate &c for s^{d} County Nathaniel Thwing of Woolwich in said County of Lincoln Esqr Agent for the Estate of Charles Callahan late of Pownalboro' in s^{d} County Gent. an Absentee Complains that the s^{d} Charles left personal Estate behind him, to a Considerable value the greater part whereof has been secreted, embezeled or Conveyed away by some person or persons, & that your Complainant hath great reason to suspect that Rebeccah Callahan Wife of the s^{d} Charles, hath secreted, Embezzled or Conveyed away the same — Wherefore your Complainant prays that the s^{d} Rebeccah may be proceeded with in the premises as the Law in such Case directs — & your Complain^{t} &c

Decemb^{r} 6th 1777 Nathl Thwing

A True Copy as appears of Record

Rol^{d} Cushing Reg^{r}

Lincoln Ss. To Rebeccah Callahan Wife of Charles Callahan late of Pownalboro in said County Gentleman an Absentee Greeting

Whereas Complaint has been made to me by Nathaniel Thwing Esqr Agent for the Estate of said Charles that the said Charles left personal Estate behind him to a Considerable value, the greater part whereof has been secreted, embezzled or Conveyed away & that the said Nathaniel hath Just reason to suspect & doth suspect that you the said Rebeccah have secreted embezzled or Conveyed away the same — You are therefore hereby Cited to appear before me at a probate Court to be holden at the Court House in said Pownalborough on Wednesday the Seventeenth day of December instant at Eleven o Clock in the forenoon to be interrogated upon Oath concerning the premises & to be proceeded with as the Law in such directs — Hereof you are not to fail dated at Pownalborough aforesaid the Tenth day of December A D 1777

Jon^{a} Bowman Judge of Probate

To the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln or his Deputy to serve this Citation and make return thereof

J. Bowman Judge Prob^{t}

Lincoln Ss. December 15, 1777, I Cited the within named Rebecca Callahan to appear at the time and place by reading this Citation to her

Samuel Goodwin Junr Dep^{y} Sheriff

Fees 6/ A true Copy att^{t}

Rol^{d} Cushing Reg^{r} of Prob^{t}

Captain West's Certificate for Bounty Money.

This may Certify that Capt Stephen Smith Muster Master for the County of Lincoln In the State of Massachusetts Bay apointed for that Purpose has Paid the under Named Persons being Noncommissioned officers & Soldiers in my Company Six pounds and one blanket Each being a bounty

Allowed to Each Non Commissioned Officer & Soldier that Should Ingage in the Expedition against St Johns Viz —

Joseph Averil	James OBrian	Nathan Andrews
David Libbee	Bartholome Bryant	Joseph Getchel
William Mills	Jonathan Woodruff	Peter Coleborth
Josiah Dodge	James Dillaway	Henry Dillaway
John Yong	Daniel Austen	James Foster
Benning Foster	William Killey	Josiah Libbee
John Berrey Junr	John Gardner	James Brown
Joshua Brown	Joseph Getchel Junr	John Berrey
Daniel Elliot	Daniel Richardson	

Jabez West Capt

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of Benjamin Foster, Colo of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln, on behalf of himself; Joseph Sevey, Joseph Libbee, and Stephen Smith, Captains in said Regiment for themselves and the men under their command; and Jonas Farnsworth, Adjutant in said Regiment, and Likewise Lieut. Joel Whitney & Company Humbly sheweth,

That whilst the British ships were at Machias, and the whole time the Militia were on duty at said place the past summer, your petitioners and the men under our command did not receive any Rations from the Commissary or any other person on behalf of this State, but lived on their own provisions whilst on duty as aforesaid; and whereas the chief part of their time from June to October, was employed in the publick service, which prevented following their own private business, and put it out of their power to lay in Provisions for the present winter: your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors, that we and the Men under our command, who were on duty as aforesaid, may have Rations

granted for the time they were so employed, equal to the Rations granted other troops in the service of this state.—

And whereas there was a necessity for employing a number of Oxen, to haul Timber for building breast-works &c; we pray your Honors that pay may be granted for such Labour, agreeable to the annexed account.— And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray &c.—

Benj^a Foster: Col^o Joseph Sevey Capt Stephen Smith
Jonas Farnsworth Joseph Libbee Joel Whitney
Machias December 1777

In the House of Representatives Mar. 13, 1778
Read & referrd to the Committee on Accounts —
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Mar 13 1778
Read & Concurred Saml Adams Sec^y

To the Honourable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of John Frost of Kittery in the County of York Brigadier for said County & Humbly shows that your Petitioner agreeable to the Militia act of said state has appointed one Captain and Two Lieu^t to Command a Matross Company in said County beg leave to Recomend Samuel Nason for Captain Nehamiah Bean for first Lieu^t Storer Sewal for Second Lieu^t Pray your Honours they may be Commissioned accordingly —

Your Petitioner as bound in Duty Shall Pray
Jno Frost
Samuel Nason Nemehiah Bean Storer Sewall

In Council Dec. 9' 1777 Read & Ordered that Comissions be made out for the above mentioned officers agreeable to their respective Ranks —
Jno Avery D^y Secy

To the Great, and General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Humbly Sheweth
That I Reced a Copy of my Petition of the 24th of Octor 1777 with an order thereon to serve William McCobb Esqr with a Copy thereof & order, which I have done by Capt James Fullerton, and I Return your Honours my most humbly & hearty thanks therefor; but am not to have any Releaf, from Said McCobb, Excepting I Can Raise money to pay all the charges arisson & to arise, which is out of my Power to do, if I should Die in Goal, therefore May it Please your Honours, William McCobb Esqr Living in Booth Bay, about twenty five miles from Pownalborough Goal, as the Road goes, it was with the utmost Difficulty I Gott any Person to Serve him with a Copy, of the Petition, & order thereon. Capt James Fullerton, Coming from Woolwich he was so Kind as to under tak it for me, and Carried the Original & a Copy there & Served it ye 11th of November 1777 as his attestation on the Petition and order will appear which origenal I Did not Receive back again from Capt James Fullerton, Till the third of December 1777, by the hand of Mr John Jones, who informed that Capt Fullerton told him Said Jones, that when he Said Fullerton went to William McCobb Esqr he begain to Expostulate with Said McCobb, about Said Clark Linneken — and said it was a Pette that he was sent & Confined in Goal & for no Crime & he & his family a suffering greatly Said William McCobb Esqr answered & Said, he was Sorry & that he should be Glad to helpe him if he Could &c or words to the same purport, and seemed to be Sincear & pitte him & family, which Capt Fullerton thought he Said McCobb was Sincear & in Earnest, he Said Fullerton then pulled out the Petition & order of the General Court, & Shew him & Gave him a copy thereof; upon which Said William McCobb altered his Countance & Tone, & Decleared he would not admitt him

Said Linnekin to Bail Except he would pay all the Charges arision & to arise & give Bonds for £400 Lawful money, the Bonds I am willing to give if I Could Get Bondsmen for I am honest & mean to be so &c but the Charges am unable to pay, Except I Could Come out & work to Earn the money to pay them, for I have but one Cow & that gives milk for my wife & children, Said McCobb would do nothing about it;— and here I am Left in Goal — in the most Distressed manner, having Little Cloaths only a Shirt & a Thin Jaecot to ware & poor britches & no Shews & Stockings only one pair of Shews & Stockings Gave me Since I have been in Goal — and no blankett to Cover me, only to lay down in this between Cold weather, on some hay given me, without any Coveren which is too hard for human Nature to Bare, and to Receive such punishment in a christian land and for no Crime, is Cruel;— if there had not been an old Grudge, I believe Said McCobb would Never Issued a warrant against me for trading with the men of warr's People, when I had nothing to Trade with but wanted charity for my self & famely, for I had Little or no bread, for three months together, only what I gott now & then from a Neighbor, but Never no bread to Carry home, only to eat there.—
but the Jugeror often Pursues the Jugered to Run him down, in order to Prevent his obtaining Satisfaction;— my wife and 4 childreen are in a most suffering Condition as well as my selfe therefore I most Humbly Repet my Request to your Honours to Liberate me from this Doleful Goal, and from my charge, and perishing Condition, & family also, for I shall have no Relief from any Known Enemie, and as in Duty Bound I Shall Ever Pray

Clark Linneken

Pownalborough December 9 1777

I James M^c^Curdy of Lawful age testifieth and saith, That when the Enemy landed at Long Island in Penobscot Bay, Mr Benjamin Wheeler being an Inhabitant at Wheelersborough on Penobscot River, Lent Thomas Calderwood a Firelock and furnished him with amunition to go against the Regulars: and also said from time to time, (according to the best of my memory) That he had Three Firelocks, and plenty of Ammunition, and would let any man have them to fight the Regulars with. I have never heard ye said Benjamin Wheeler express any thing prejudicial, or injurious to the interest of the States; but rather the reverse. Further the deponant saith not, But is ready to make solemn Oath to the truth of the above as Witness my hand at Penobscot December the 12th 1777.

James M^c^Curdy

State of Massachusetts Bay to Stephen Smith Truck Master

D^r^

For acc^t^ of Sundries Dl^d^ p^r^ order of Col^o^ Allan Superintendent Eastern Department for the use of the Indians

[Here follows list of articles.]

This may Certify that Capt Stephen Smith Muster Master for the County of Lincoln for the State of the Massachusetts Bay Appointed for that purpose has Paid the under Named Persons being Non commishaned Officers and Soldiers in my Company Six pounds and one blanket each being a bounty Allowed to Each Non commishaned Officer and Soldiers that should Ingage in the Expedition agains St Johns Viz.

Nethaniel Cox	William Mitchel	Nemiah Small
Daniel Small	Noah Mitchel	George Finey

Methias Whitney	Joseph Libbee	Daniel Merrit
Abraham Allan	Thaubal Hinckley	Samuel Reynolds
Danil Hill	Samuel Milbury	Josiah Moore
John Guptal	Joseph Learton	James Dyer
Richard Fassett	James Dyer	Christopher Tracey
Samuel Libbee	Richard Earl	Going Wilson
Moses Worster	William McCastler	Jonathan Niels
Benjn Getchel	Benjamin Foss	Bradbury Merril
Benjamin Strout	William Ray	Samuel Small
Samuel Cates	Samuel Shaw Junr	Nethanel Tubbets
John Walker	Christopher Tracey	Asa Tracey
Benjn Tibbuts	Abner Tibbuts	

Machias Decemr 12, 1777 per Reuben Dyer Capt

Board of War to settle with Mr. Smith as Commissary & Truckmaster —

Coll Leonard Mr Barlow Mr White to settle with him as Muster master & to order & Report into Resolve

Petition of Seth Gardner — Leave to Withdraw

State of Massa Bay

To the Honble the Council, & the honble House of Representatives of said State.

The Petition of Seth Gardner of Harpswell, County of Cumberland, humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner (being one of the drafted Men some Time last Winter) faithfully served three Months in the present War — that being in low Circumstances, was unable to purchase an effective fire arm — that Your Petitioner received one from the Select Men of this Town, to whom he

was accountable for the same said fire Arm being State property — that when your Petitioner returned home (by Water from Boston) said fire Arm was carefully put into the Boat when your Petitioner was going a Shore — that one of the Men (when rowing in said Boat, by means of the Thawl-pins breaking, or the Oar starting out of its place) fell backwards, and accidentally with his Foot struck said fire Arm over board.

Your Petitioner (continuing in indigent Circumstances) humbly prays that this hon^{d} Court would discharge him from his Obligation to the Select Men of this Town, to pay for said fire Arm. All which is humbly submitted to the Wisdom of this hon^{d} Court, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Seth Gardner

Harpswell 13th Decr 1777.

We the Subscribers being in the Boat aforesaid, do testifie, and are ready to make Oath, that the Loss of said fire Arm happened as is herein set forth.

John Bray
Ward Haskell
James biship

State of Mass^{a} Bay

In Council Dec. 15—1777

Whereas there is a Tract of Land, of about three mile Square Commonly called Cooks Lott adjoining Saco River without the bounds of any Town, upon which there are many Valuable White Pine Masts, a considerable part of which Lott of Land belonged to Sir William Pepperrell one of the late mandamus Councellor who is absent from this State, in which Lot or Tract of Land Rishworth Jordan Esq. of Biddeford is Interested — and as tis said that some persons have made Strip and Waste thereon and are again preparing

to Carry off the Pine Masts afores^{d} by cutting them for mill logs the ensueing Winter and no person having been appointed an agent to s^{d} Pepperrell —

Therefore to prevent any further destruction of said Timber and that such as have already destroyed the same may be specially called upon to made compensation therefor It is Resolved that the said Rishworth Jordan Esq. in his own Name for himself and the other owners thereof be and hereby is fully authorized and impowered to prosecute and pursue actions of Tresspass to final Judgment & Escu^{n} against any persons that have Committd Tresspass thereon since January 1775 or that hereafter may Commit Tresspass on s^{d} Land he to account with the Judge of Probate for York County for the said Pepperrells proportion of such damages as may be Recv^{d} & to pay the same in the manner agents are directed by Law to Do — any Resolve to the Contrary notwithstanding —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Dec 15 1777

Read and Concurred J Warren Spkr

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	R. Derby
John Whitcomb	John Taylor	S Holten
Moses Gill	Benj Austin	D Sewall
Tim^{o} Danielson	N Cushing	Jabez Fisher

The State of Massachusetts Bay in the House of Representatives Decemb^{r} 15, 1777

on the petition of Capt Samuel Whitmore of Gorham in the County of Cumberland praying for alowances for Services

Done on the Batteries in falmouth in said County by him selfe and men under his Command —

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasure of this State for their services afsd. to the Capt Eight shillings per Day Left five shillings per Day Non Commission officers three shillings and Six pence per Day Privates three shillings per Day in full for their services and Ratisions and the Committee on Musterols are Directed to —— and allow the Roll for such Service when presented agreeable to this Establishment

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Dec. 15, 1777

Read & Concurred Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

Consented to —

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
W Spooner	T Cushing	R. Derby
John Whitcomb	John Taylor	S Holten
Moses Gill	Benj Austin	Tim° Danielson
N Cushing	Jabez Fisher	Oliver Prescott

Lincoln Ss At a Court of Probate held at Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln before Jonathan Bowman Esqr Judge of the probate of Wills & for granting Letters of Administration on the Estates of persons deceased within the County aforesaid —

On Wednesday the Seventeenth day of December Anno Domini 1777 — Rebeccah Callahan Wife of Charles Callahan late of said Pownalborough gentleman (an Absentee) being Cited to appear at said Court upon the Complaint of Nathaniel Thwing Esqr who was appointed Agent for the Estate of the said Charles, that the said Charles left personal Estate behind him to a considerable value, the greater part

whereof had been secreted embezzled or Conveyed away by some person or persons & that the said Nathaniel had just reason to suspect & did suspect that the said Rebeccah had secrected Embezzled or Conveyed away the same — Upon which the said Rebeccah came into Court & being required by said Judge to acquit herself on Oath of the premises, then refused to be sworn & interrogated upon Oath in the premises. It is therefore ordered by said Judge that the said Rebeccah be Committed to the Common Goal in the said County there to remain untill she shall Comply to discharge herself upon Oath or be otherwise legally discharged. from this sentence the said Rebecca, claimed an appeal to the Supreme Court of probate for this State, & gave Sufficient security according to law for prosecuting her said appeal with effect

att. Rol^{d} Cushing Reg^{r}

A True Copy as appears of Record. Rol^{d} Cushing Reg^{r}

State of the Massachusetts Bay Lincoln Ss

Before Jonathan Bowman Esqr Judge of Probate of Wills &c for said County at a Special Court of probate held at the Court House in Pownalboro on Wednesday the Seventeenth day of Decemb^{r} A D 1777 at Eleven o clock A M Nathaniel Thwing Esqr Agent for the Estate of Charles Callahan late of Pownalborough Gent^{n} (Called an Absentee) Complainant against Rebeccah Callahan Wife of the said Charles for embezzleing, secreting or Conveying away &c the personal Estate of the said Charles, the said Rebeccah refusing to acquit herself on Oath touching the premises was by the said Judge ordered to be Committed to the Common Goal of said County &c from which sentence she appealed to the Supreme Court of Probate for this State; and for which she now assigns the following reasons Viz^{t} —

1 Because the said Rebecca when before said Judge the day aforesaid voluntaryly declared to him that she has disposed of the whole of the personal Estate of her said Husband as she had a right to do, and therefore refused to acquit herself on Oath touching said Complaint —

2. Because the said Rebecca within three Months, next after her said Husband went from home, did sell and dispose of the whole of the personal Estate of her said Husband which was by him left in her hands for her use and for the support of her self and family —

3. Because there is no Certifycate made to the s^d^ Judge that the said Charles Voluntarily went to and is still with the Enemies of this and the other United States of America which by the Law of this State ought first to have been done, but there is only a Certifycate made by Edmund Bridge and Asa Smith who call themselves the Major part of the Selectmen of Pownalborough, that they believe the said Charles voluntarily went to and is still with their Enemies, and not the Enemies of the United States of America —

4 Because it is plain by the preamble of the act of this State on which the aforesaid proceedings were granted, that the s^d^ Act was made Solely for the benefit of Creditors of Absentees that they may all receive their Equitable demands out of such Estates: Now the said Rebecca Avers that when the said Charles went from this State he was not Justly Indebted one Shilling to any person whatsoever within this or any of the United States, and therefore the aforesaid proceedings are groundless and unnecessary and not supported by Law —

5 Because the said Rebecca had not any proper or reasonable Notice of the Complaint and Examenation aforesaid, being only served with a Citation on the fifteenth day of the s^d^ Decemb^r^ at Eight of the Clock a Night when many miles from her home or prepare her self for the aforesaid Tryal,

before she was obliged by the said Citation to attend thereon without fail —

6 Because the aforesaid Order & Sentence of the said Judge was not made and published on any certain or fixed day made known and published by the said Judge for making and publishing his orders & decres which by Law it ought to have been —

Rebecca Callahan

Filed January 2d 1778

A true Copy of the Reason on file

att Rolⁿ Cushing Regr

Machias December 23, 1777.

This may certifie that Colo Benjamin Foster, Mr Jonas Farnsworth, Capt Joseph Sevey, Capt Joseph Libbee & Capt. Stepn Smith and Leut Joel Whitney and the Militia Companies under their command except 8 men days, which were on duty at Machias the last summer, did not receive any Rations from the Committee of this place or from the Commissary

pr James Flinn Clcr To the Committee

Stephen Smith Commissary

I Tho. Child of Falmouth hereby certify That I have often seen at the House of Mrs Elzr Ross in said Falmouth a large Silver Cup mark'd with the name of Edward Tyng, late of Boston also. I have drank out of it and I know it to be the same Cup which I formerly saw in the possession of Edward Tyng in Boston (son of the deceaⁿ Edw. Tyng) who boarded with me at the House of my late Mother there, and I then understood and believed it to be the property of the said Edward the Son and that it was given to him by his Father —

Falmouth 1st Januy 1778 Tho. Child

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jan 2d 1778

on the Petition of Stephen & Ralph Cross praying the Court to grant them a Sum of Money for the use of John Allan the Continental Agent of Indian affairs in ye Eastern Department

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be so far granted that the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay to the Petitioners for the use of sd John Allan Esq the Sum of three Hundred pounds as Soon as the State of the Treasury will admit of the Same, Said Allan to be accountable to this Court for the Same —

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 24, 1778

Read & Concurred with an amendment at **A** ——

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Warrant drawn at **A.** (dele? what follows & insert — Petitioners to be accountable to this Court for the same untill the Said Jno Allan Esq as Continental agent as aforesaid shall by a Writing under his hand or in some other Way make himself accountable for the same and no longer —

In the House of Representatives Jany 2 1778

Read & Concurred

J Warren Spkr

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
Jedidiah Preble	Jabez Fisher	Moses Gill
Timo Danielson	John Taylor	B White
Danl Davis	Benj Austin	N Cushing
A Fuller	S Holten	J Palmer

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Humbly sheweth that he has Expended a considerable sum in Supplying the Forces Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth more than what he has received therefore pray your Honours to give him a Warrant on the Treasury for Four Hundred pound to Enable him to pay for what he has Expended & to purchase a further supply of Provisions &c and as Duty Bound shall Ever pray

Joseph Noyes

Boston Janry 11th 1778

In the House of Representatives, Jan. 12 1778

Ordered — That Mr Jenkins be of the Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Wheeler & others a Committee of a Settlement called Wheelersborough — in the room of Mr Crane absent

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Speakr p Tem

In Council Jany 12, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 12th 1778

Upon the Petition of Nathn Prebble & others a Committee of Frenchmans Bay praying for some Assistance under their Misfortunes.

Resolved, that the Board of War be and they are hereby directed to order Ninety barrels Beef & Five Teirces of Rice to be deliver'd to Nathaniel Prebble & others a Committee from Frenchman's Bay for the Use of the Inhabitants of said plase, the said Prebble & others giving their Obligation to

the Board of War to deliver to them or their order Wood or Lumber as the Board may chuse at ye Market price, in pay for the above Provisions, on or before the last day of April next —

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Speaker pro Tem

In Council Ja^{y} 12, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	B. Greenleaf	W. Spooner
Caleb Cushing	John Taylor	Benj. Austin
Danl Davis	R. Derby	Jedidiah Prebble
N. Cushing	Moses Gill	Josiah Stone
John Whitcomb	A. Fuller	D. Hopkins

To the Hon^{b} Councill & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

the Petition of Stephen & Ralph Cross in behalf of John Allan Esqr Humbly Sheweth that the Said John Allan having been Appointed by the Honb^{el} Continental Congress Agent of Indian Affairs in the Eastern department and having been oblig'd to Make Larger Expenditures for the Executing his trust than that Honb^{l} Body has Yet Granted to him and by Reason of the Important trust Committed to him by this Honb^{l} Court he has not been able to Lay a Proper State of Matters before the Honb^{l} Congress therefore Your Petitioners Pray that this Honb^{l} Court Would Grant to the Said John Allan Esq four Hundred Pounds to be Paid into the Hands of Your Petitioners to Enable them to answer Such Drafts as he has Drawn on them agreeable to the desire of Said Allan or Grant Such other Relief as You in Your Wisdom Shall think fit

and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Steph^{n} & Ralph Cross

Newburyport 12 January 1778

An account of the provisions that was Dealt out on the Alarm Occasioned by the Ship Milford at Edgcumbe on June the 21st 1777

To Capt Robt Hodge Company 21 lb of Bread & to C 9. of Beef

To Capt Arch McCalesters Company 31 lb of Bread & 31½ lb of Beef

To Capt Henry Hunter Company 18lb of Bread 27 of Beef

To Capt Ebenr Goe Company 20 of Bread 30lb of Beef

To Capt Joseph Jones Company 36 of Bread 39lb of Beef

To Gertham Weber 4lb of Bread 7½ Beef

To the Select Men troble & Expences £1–1–0

New Castle Jann the 12: 1778

Errors Excepted Pr Saml Waters, David Hopkins } Selectmen of New Castle

New Castle Jany 12th 1778

Then the within named Samuel Waters & David Hopkins Personally appeared and made oath to the Truth of the within accompt

Before me Benjamin Woodbridge Justice of pea

Colo Buck

Sir, I hereby Certifie, that Colo Josiah Brewer, Lt Colo Jona Lowder, Lieut Andrew Gilman, or Ens: Jeremiah Coburn, never asked the advice, consent, or Approbation of me, (or to my knowledge) Requested the advise or approbation of any Other of the Committee, to Appoint the building, or the place where to Erect or Build any Fort or Stockkade whatsoever But went on to Stockkade the truck House, by Virtue of their own power, without any regard to the Committee, or Inhabitants, at any time whatsoever, Notwithstanding the foregoing alarms. And as no advice was requested of the Committee for Building the Fort, so no advice was by

the above Gentlemen, asked or requested respecting the Alarming the Inhabitants of the River, by reason of the Report of the Descent of the Indians, in making an Incorssion upon us by force of arms: but they, or such of them, as Alarmed the Inhabitants of the River; did the same by no other Influence or Authority, then what they were possessed of in themselves; for no advice was by any of them ever requested of me in Either of the above requests; And I never heard, or knew, that they consulted the Inhabitants, or any of them, to Authorize their proceedings. To the truth of the above I herewith affix my Hand, and am ready to aver the same on Oath

James Budge of the Com^{tte}

To Col^{l} Jon^{a} Buck President of the Committee of Safety and Correspondence in the District of Penobscot

A true Copy · Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

May it Please your Honours

The Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Was Pleased to Honour Me with the Commisson of the Millitary Command of a Company in the Western Precenct of Pownalborough and My Affairs is Such that I Cant do my Duty therein according to the Expectation of the Councel I therefore most humbley begg leave of your Honours to Resigne the Said Commison —

and whereas my first Leautenant Mr Carr Barker of Said Company is a Suitable Person to take the Command of Said Company and Jonathan Reed the Second Leautenant of Said Company is a Suitable Person Allso and a Greable to the People to be — Advanced to the first Leautenant if your Honours Should think Proper to Honour them with those Commands And Mr Thomas Densmore would be a Sutable Person for a Second Leautenant and I beleave a Greable to

the People if your Honours Should think Proper to Honour him with that Command

All which is Most Humbly Submitted by your Honours Most Deutifull most Obedient and Vary Humbel Servtt

John Johnson

Pownalborough West Preceinct January 13, 1778

To the Honorable the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England

In Council Feby 26″ 1778

Read & Ordered that the within Resignation be accepted

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In Council Feby 26′ 1778 Ordered that Colo Joseph North be and he hereby is directed to cause the Company in the Western Precinct of Pownalborough in his Regt together with the Alarm List within Limits of the Same to meet together & make Choice of a Captain in Room of John Johnson who has leave of this Board to resign his Commission as Captain in his Regt. and he is further required to see that the Choice is made according to the Directions of the Law and duly certified to the Secretary of State

Read & Accepted Jno Avery Dy Secy

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Humbly shewe

Martha Cotton of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, widow, Executrix to the last Will & Testament of William Cotton late of said Falmouth – Tanner – deceased.

That at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas held in the County aforesaid in March A D 1773 she in her said Capacity recoverd Judgment against Elisha Baker of Brunswick in said County Blacksmith for the sum of £3 8. Cost Money & Damage and £3. 6. 6 loss of Suit, from which Judgment the Defendant by David Wyer his attorney appealed to the

next Superior Court in said Falmouth — at which Court his Appeal was entered.

That your Memorialist by Samuel Freeman her Attorney, appealed at said Superior Court to manage her cause but the Judges there forbid his speaking in the said Cause & contrary to a Law of the State disallowed the appearance of your Memorialist altho said Freeman was legally empowered to appear in her behalf and ordered her to be called out by default —

That thereupon your Memorialist presented a Petition to the General Court praying the Court to order Execution for Cost against her to be stayed and to direct the Judges of the said Inferior Court to try the Cause & allow your Memorialist to appear by such person as she should think fit to appoint — This Petition the said Gen[l] Court was pleased to sustain & ordered that the said Elisha Baker should be notified to show cause at the next Session why the prayer of it should not be granted. The said Baker was notified accordingly but not appearing to make answer the two Houses were pleased to pass a Resolve granting the prayer of said Petition; but the then Governor namely Mr. Gage refused his consent thereto Thereupon your Petitioner has not only been deprived of the Benefit of the Law, which every good subject of the State is entitled to — but has been troubled with the Execution of the Costs recoverd against her by said Baker — which she was obliged to satisfy

Therefore your Memorialist humbly prays that your Honors would be pleased to order that she may have a tryal of the Cause aforesaid & impower the Judges of said Court to allow such Costs in case she shall recover Judgment against said Baker as they shall judge reasonable & in particular that she may be reimbursed the sum she paid to satisfy said Baker's Execution against her — and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray

Martha Cotton

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 13th 1778

On the petition of Martha Cotton praying that she may be admitted to re-enter an Action at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland which action she brought against Elisha Baker in the year 1773.

Resolved that the Prayer of said Petition be granted & that the said Martha Cotton be and she is hereby impowered to re-enter her said Action at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Falmouth in and for the said County of Cumberland on the next Tuesday after the fourth Tuesday of June next: And the Justices of said Court are hereby fully impowered & directed to hear said case make up Judgment for the sum that shall be found due, together with all reasonable Costs & charges that said Martha hath been at by means of said Action having been declared defaulted & award execution accordingly. And the Judgment already had by means of said default is hereby declared null & void. And the said Martha by herself or such person as she shall appoint shall be allowed to appear in, plead & prosecute said suit to final Judgment & execution. Provided that the said Martha shall notifie the said Elisha Baker of this suit by serving him with an attested copy of this order & the petition on which it is founded at least fourteen days before the said sitting of said Court.

Sent up for Concurrence J. Warren Spker.

In Council Jany 13^{t} 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	W. Sever	B. Greenleaf
W. Spooner	A. Fuller	S. Holten
John Whitcomb	R. Derby	Caleb Cushing
Moses Gill	Benj Austin	Danl Davis
Jabez Fisher	D Hopkins	Josiah Stone

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives. Jany 14th 1778 —

Resolve that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to Receive the pay for Ceartin Provishons Suplied Nath^{a} Prebble & others for the Inhabitants of Frenchmans Bay, at Some Convenient Landing in said Frenchmans Bay

Sent up for Concurrence

J. Warren, Speaker.

In Council Jany 14' 1778

Read & Concurred Samuel Adams Sec^{y}

Consented to

W. Sever	B. Greenleaf	W. Spooner
Jedidiah Preble	Caleb Cushing	R. Derby
Moses Gill	Benj Austin	John Whitcomb
Danl Davis	A Fuller	Jabe^{z} Fisher
D. Hopkins	Josiah Stone	Tim^{o} Danielson

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Janu^{y} 14, 1778

Ordered that Capt. Joseph Noyes be & he hereby is appointed to provide for & Supply the Sea Coast men stationed in the Town of Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth with such Provisions as were allowed the men in the sea Coast Service in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Six.—

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in New England

Humbly Shews

Timothy Frost of York in the County of York, that in the year 1774 to discharge a considerable debt due from him to one Thomas Wallingford, and a small debt due to Jotham Moulton Esqr then Sheriff of the County of York He Exe-

cuted a Deed to the said Jotham of all his Real Estate, which He said Jotham was to make Sale of in such parts and parcels as would raise a sufficient Sum to discharge the said demands, and what remained of said Real Estate them Debts being paid was to be reconveyed to your Petitioner. That the said Jotham disposed of all the Lands so conveyed, except about an Acre & quarter with the Buildings thereon, then and ever since in the Tenure & occupation of your Petitioner which nearly raised money sufficient to discharge the demands aforesaid. That having the greatest confidence in the Integrity and Honesty of the said Jotham he never took any Writing from him that could operate in Law as a [Disseisin] to the said Deed. That the unexpected & untimely Death of the said Jotham prevented him from doing that Justice to your Petitioner, which he doubts not he would have done And as by Law the Administrators of said Jotham's Estate cannot legally reconvey such of the said Lands and Buildings as are undisposed of without the aid of the General Court. He therefore prays that the said Administrators of the Estate of the said Jotham Moulton Esqr may be authorized and impowered to Reconvey the Lands & Buildings your Petitioner conveyed to the said Jotham in 1774, which have not been disposed of, upon such Terms & Conditions as the said Admin^{rs} from the particular circumstances of the Case shall Judge Equitable. and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

York Jany 16, 1778 Tim^{o} Frost

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives; Jany 20th 1778

Whereas the Comm^{ee} of Correspondence &c for ye Town of Falmouth have represented to this Court that they did in August 1777 Stop sixteen oxen which they say were about

to be driven out of this State Contrary to a Resolve of ye Gener^l^ Court. prohibiting the exportation of Provisions pass^d^ the 6th of February 1777 & filed an Information against ye same at the Court of Gen Sessions of ye Peace for the County of Cumberland agreeable to s^d^ Resolve but before ye Seting of S^d^ Court of Sessions the s^d^ Resolve was Repealed. it is therefore Resolved — that the Court of Genl Sessions of ye Peace for the County of Cumberland be and they are hereby Authorized & impowered to proceed to the hearing & determining upon the afores^d^ information as fully & effectually as tho. the Resolve afores^d^ passed the 6th of February 1777 had not been Repealed.

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Speaker

In Council Jany 20′ 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^y^ Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	W. Sever	A. Ward
B Greenleaf	W Spooner	Caleb Cushing
R Derby	John Whitcomb	Moses Gill
J Holton	Tim^o^ Danielson	A. Fuller
Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott	D Hopkins

The Committee of both Houses on the Petition of Benj^a^ Wheeler & others, have heard said Wheeler, Col^o^ Brewer Lieut. Col^o^ Lowder & Capt Gilman being present and beg leave to submit the following State of facts viz —

Your Committee found that in 1776 the said Brewer & others gave their Security to the Treas^r^ of this State for a certain sum of money Lent to be paid on or before the 11th day of April 1777, in order to purchase Ammunition Salt & Corn for the use of the Inhabitants on Penobscot River, which money your committee are of Opinion said Brewer & others ought to Account for —

2dly That the General Court in 1776 made an Establishment for a Guard of 30 men, to be placed on Penobscot River, under the Command of Andrew Gilman, which have been continued ever since, without being of any service to the State, but little of their time as appeard to your Committee has been spent in Guarding or Scouting and we are of Opinion they ought to be immediately discharged.—

Your Committee who found, that Colo Lowder in 1776 Recd of the Treasr of this State Four Hundred pounds as Truck master to the Tribe of Penobscot Indians which sum said Lowder ought to account for, and we are of Opinion that there is no necessity for a Truck House at that place.—

N Cushing p order

In Council Jany 20 1778. Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Jan. 22d 1778 Read & concurred as taken into a new Draught.
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 22d 1778 Read & Concurred with the amendment at A in the New Draft
Sent down for Concurrence Jno Avery Dy Secy

at A insert and hereby are

In the House of Representatives Jan. 22d 1778
Read & Concurred J Warren Spker

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
Jedidiah Preble	Jabez Fisher	John Whitcomb
Timo Danielson	Benj Austin	John Taylor
Caleb Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Josiah Stone
I Palmer	Moses Gill	S Holten

In the House of Representatives Jan. 22d 1778—
On the Petition of Benjamin Wheeler and others
Resolved that Mr. Nye Capt Wales & J. Brignd Warner be a Committee to settle with Col. Josiah Brewer and others for a certain Sum of Money lent said Brewer and others for which Sum in the Year 1776 they gave their Security to the Treasurer of this State.—
Resolved, That the Guard of 30 Men appointed by the General Court of this State in 1776 to guard on Penobscot River under the Command of Andrew Gilman be immediately discharged,—
Resolved that Mr. Nye, Capt Wales & Brigd Warner be a Committee to settle with Col. Lowder for the sum of four hundred Pounds lawful Money which the said Lowder as Truck Master to the Tribe of Penobscot Indians received of the Treasurer of this State in the Year 1776.

To the Honorable the Council Board of the States of Massachusetts Bay.

May it please your Honours, the Committee of Machias begs leave to lay before the Honourable Board the distrestd Situation which this part of the State labour under occationed by the present war, hitherto have with stood every attempt of our Enemys being Strengthned by your Honours Indulgence and assistance which is Gratefully acknowledgd by the greatest part & we trust the whole of this district

Having flatterd our Selves that every Campaign would be the last always having a firm Resolution to maintaign our most Invaluable Rights and priviledges in opposing the Cruel and Bloody Intentions of our merciless Enemys which generally carried our Spirits beyond our Strength

The Enemys attacks last summer being the most destressing we have hither to Experiencd has prevented our Carrying

on our farming business it being much neglected in its proper season occation[d] by the peoples being on duty

The same calamity to a degree has hapned to the Inhabitants in the other Settlements upon the Shoare who has been Repeatedly called upon duty, particularly in the midst of hay time & harvest & has reduc[d] them to many difficultys for the Nessessarys of life this winter.

This Settlement in particular being oblig[d] to advance all the provitions that could be Spared for the Support of the Troops called here for our assistance, makes it verry difficult amoungst us as one has it not in his power to Supply another —

However these are dificultys we Naturally Expect by the Calamity of War, but alass what looks more dismal that all is our unguarded Situation Being the Eastern part of the State and so ajasent to Noviscotia are Subject to every Insult from that Quarter, as soon as the Icy featters of the Winter breaks their Chains and the Spring opens which will be the time that every one will want to put Seed into the Ground, as farming is much practised of late and to good success

But well knowing the Intentions of our enemies that they meane to deprive us of every meanes of gitting our lively hood in any Quietness and if Possible make them selves masters of this part of the Country, having already Establish[d] a Truck house at S[t] Johns well Supplyed with every kind of British Manufactury Sutibel for tampering with the Indians, and protected according to the Best accounts with about Seventy five British Troops

This has somewhat allarm[d] us and for feare they Should Send a party in some private manner this Winter and destroy the Cannon and other property belonging to the State Col[o] Allan has thought proper to keep up about twenty or thirty men as artilery men with one Commisiond officer to them as a Guard and protection to the States property these

are constantly keep[d] upon duty it being Recommended by the Committee of this place

The Col[o] has about Seventy Indians that are Imbodyed & under his immediate Command which appears will be a Sufficient protection during the winter Season from any attacks we might have from S[t] Johns provided they can be supported.

And we must at this time do Col[o] Allen the Justice to say that he has managed his affairs as Commanding officer to the grate Satisfaction of the Publick and Notwithstanding the many Extraordinary demands for Provition both from English & Indians has us[d] every thing with the Gratest Oeconomy. we hope your Honours will not omit to grant him such assistance as is Necessary as being Superintendant of Indians affairs or any other departments he may be appointed to

But under the present Situation of affairs it looks very melancoly to the Inhabitants the Spring advancing the Indians will want to go a hunting thereby will be Scattered we Shall be so unguarded that many of our prinsable Inhabitants are Talking of Removeing their Fammilys and effects to the westward which Grately damps the Spirits of the common Sort of people fearing they must soon fall a pray to a Cruel & Blood thursty Enemy

Many of the Inhabitants are wholly unable to Remove themselves & Effects & must be objects of Charity and a Burden to whatever part of the Continent they might Remove to

We therefore humbly intreat & pray your Honours to take our most deplorable Situation into your wise consideration and Grant us such Releif as you in your grate wisdom Shall think proper, major Stilman will lay this matter before your Honours and can inform you of every Circumstance

We have lost all hopes of Gitting the militia on duty as they ware last Summer, the Grate Sinking of the Bills of Credit & the high prices of the Nessessaries of life that a

Soldier gits but about one Bushell and a half of Corn for a months pay this has grately discouraged the people on the whole Shoare from Entering into the Service and many other difficulties Major Stilman can inform you,

Any favours your Honours Should seem meet to grant or what is intended you will be pleas[d] to communicate to Major Stilman that we may know our fate before destruction comes upon us

The major will have full power from us and may be consulted with upon every measure concerning us in these matters, it would be injustice not to say the people in this and the other Settlements on the Shoare are warmly attach[d] to the Interest of the united States and have ever been Ready and on every occation to exert themselves in the defence of this much injured Country, but the distresses brought on by the present war seems to demand your Honours attention and nothing can Releive them more to have a Suffecient Number of Continental Troops Station[d] at Machious this will be a protection to the whole Shoare and leave the Inhabitants to be Quiet upon their plantations where they will Comfortably support their Familys and keep the possession of a Valuable part of the united States

Also that the Commasarys Store at Machious may be Sufficiently supplyed with provition & amunition in order that the militia or any part of them might be Supplied whenever they Shoud be called on duty by any alarm as it is out of the Power of the inhabitants here to Supply themselves

All of which circumstances major Stillman can inform you, but under god we Shall leave our most deplorable Situation with your Honours grate wisdom not doubting you will grant us Such Relief as you will think best, committing our case to the almighty who governs & Orders all things to his Glory whatever the case may be Concerning us

We are with Dutiful Respect Your Honours Most Obedi-

ent Humble Servt^{s} — for and in behalf of the Committee of Mechias & by their order

James Flinn Clerk

Mechias Janury 24th 1778

N B our utmost Endeavours have been Exerted to assist in erecting a Fort at andrews hill about two miles below the mills where if compleated and man^{d} would be a Sufficient Protection to the whole Settlement and with a less number of men & less expence than any other way, but the season of year was so far advanced it was out of our power to make it any way safe to trust the artilery in Not withstanding Col^{o} Allan push^{d} the works as fast as possible with what Troops he had under his Command as well as Several of the Inhabitants which gave their assistance, we therefore implore as a favour that your Honours would grant us that assistance, which will be Nessessary for the Compleateing Said Fort both for the safety of the States property and a protection to the whole Shoare,

For further Particulars Refer to Major Stilman

You will have some accounts of Losses sustained in the Expidition to St Johns for Boats and Sundry Supplys by different persons who Stand in grate need of their being paid which the Major will lay before you and we must Intreat your Honours allowance for the same to be paid to Major Stilman, Also agreable to a Resolve of your Honours we Should take it as a favour that Capt Smith might have provitions sent to Enable him to Repay what he Borrowed from different persons that advanc^{d} it Solely for the Support of said Expedition the account of which the Major will have particular Instructions & acc^{ts} of what is paid and the Ballance due and every thing which must acquaint your Honours has been conducted with the gratest Oeconomy Possible

Machious Jany 24th 1778

Mechias Janu^{y} 24th 1778

May it please the Honble Board —

By Major Stillman which is now going to the Westward upon Some Public Business — I have the Honour to Transmit Sundry accounts.— respecting my Employment as Commissary & Truckmaster —

The Hurry and Confusion which was Occationed By the Enemy the past Summer Prevented Matters being Keep'd So Regular as I coud wish, Consequently it has taken much Longer Time to Correct, which has prevented their being Transmitted sooner.

Being not Certain to Whome I should send these matters I have Transmitted one Copy also to the Board of Warr as they Consign'd the Articles which came downe

Major Stillman will answer the Honble Board to such Questions as they may want to Know Respecting the Management of any Matter during the summer —

I have Issued from the Truck house Several Articles By Order of Col^{o} Allan, for Supplying the Troops who were in Great want & Distress which were in the Service all Summer, Many Coud not go on Duty without it —

I have Endeavored to persue every Step Oeconomy and be as Carefull of the Dilivery of Every Matter, As the Situation & Circumstances woud Admit the perticulars of Which I Trust will Receive your Honours Approbation —

The Indian Matters have Wholly been Conducted By Colo^{l} Allan who Inspects the necessarys they are in want of & from time to time Orders Such Things from the Truck House, as well what they Pay for as otherways their not Being a Hunting but Constantly out about one service or another, their Debts amounts to Considerable Tho I Expect they will make some payments Soon, as some are Gone & Others Just Setting of a Hunting —

We are in want of several Things to make up the Deffi-

ciency in the Truck House, which I Expect Col° Allan will Communicate to your Honours by this Oppertunity the Indians have Been of Much Service & I Trust are So much now Under Authority as to be more usefull & Cheaper than Heitherto —

The Precariousness of Transporting things By Sea, Makes me Timerous to Ship Any Property of the States, heaving already had some of the Property taken by the Enemy,— I have at Present a Considerable Quantity of Beaver, otters, Martins, Moose Skins &c By Me, which I Pray Your Honours to Order what you wou'd have done with —

Your Honours having Appointed me Commissary of Musters I pursued every Step I thought Necessary for the Benefit of the States — General Warner not Coming Down I received but a Small part of the Money which was ordered for Paying Bountys reather then the Service shou'd Suffer, I Borrow'd & Advanced a Considerable Sum. I Sent the Account by Col° Campbell but the Sum was not answered, I woud Pray the favour that Your Honours wou'd Pay the Amount to Major Stillman —

At Present 26 who Drew Rations, which does duty here as allso sum Indians Your Honours will Please to Inform Major Stillman if I am to Continue as Commissary for them as usual —

I Am with Dutifull regards Respectfully Your Honours most Obedient Devoted Humb^l Servent

Stephen Smith

To the Hono^bl Jeremiah Powell Esqr

Machias Jany 24th 1778

Gentlemen

This will be delivered by Major Stillman, with my accompts of the Commissarys Business,— With full Power

to Settle them, as the Indians being here Prevent my Coming up for myself.—

I would Just mention a few mistakes in the Invoice your honours Sent me of ye 11 of october, I am Charged with Bread 78022 lb, which Should bee but 78. 0. 22 lb. The Number of Casks is 56, which is Right and the Mistakes by that May be easily Rectifyed, In the Mollasses 20 gallons over Charged by Reason of the Wantage not being Deducted,

I am Likewise Charged with 100 Empty Cartridges, for the 9 Pounders & 50 Ditto for ye 4 pounder, which Never Came by any of the Vessels.—

One Barrill Flour Short in Capt Goochs Freight, It appears by Col^o Campbell a matter of uncertainty Whether he took on Board or not.

I am Charged 60 p a Dozen for Seven Dozen Shirts, & 80 p for three Dozen D^o, which I Imagine ought to be so much a Peace —

I wrote about 200 Gallon Rum, I had last July, has not been Charged me in any Invoice.—

I have Drawn for Capt Gooch freight as agreed on by Col^o Campbell, amounting to 93 : 18 : 0 which will be Presented by Major Stillman, also In favor of the Committee, for Sundries Supplies, for the use of the Troops, Amount of 328 : 3.. 7½, which the Committee Expect to be Placed to their Credit.

I have Given two Certificates, one in favour of Captain Wallace for 1057 lb Beef, the other in Favour of Stephen Jones Esqr for 653 lb Beef which the Commissary Store was Furnished with, I have Supplied Sundries as pr accompt which I Expect will be Replaced, as some is Borrowed and the people Cannot Do without itt —

I have taken from the Truck house to Furnish the Commissary Store & from the Commissary Store to Furnish the Truck house as you will see by the accompts —

I am Charged with 56 lb wampum which Is no more than Beeds

I have Beaver, Moose Skins, Feathers & Small Furs,— by me to a Considerable Amount Should be glad to Receive your orders what to Do with it

I send the amount of Sundrys supplyed Col° Allan as Superintendent of Indians Eastern Department & there is Sundry other matters Furnished which I Cant Collect to Send as yet,—

You will see by the Generall acct. of Provisions, of a Quantity being on hand the 31 of Decem^r Which I Deliver out to the Indians & artilery, by order of Col° Allan, any Further Particulars Refer you to Major Stillman and Gentlemen your most Obedient Humble Servant

Stephen Smith

perticulars of Molasses Shipt by Com^y Devens on b^d Capt Gooch

Sep^t 29	124	Gall^s	3	out
30	106	d°	2	out
Oct 2	107	d°	2	
	118	d°	2	
1 bb^r	29		—	
			9	out
	484			
	9	out		
	475			

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 24 1778

The House made choice by ballot of Mr Thomas Child as Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth for the Year ensuing

The House made choice by ballot of Capt Nicholas Crosby, as Naval Officer at the Port of Penobscott for the Year ensuing

The House made choice by ballot of Tristram Jordan Esq as Naval Officer for the Port of Pepperilborough for the Year ensuing

The House made choice by ballot of Capt Richard Trevet as Naval Officer for the Port of York for the Year ensuing

The House made choice by ballot of Capt Stephen Smith as Naval Officer for the Port of Mechias for the Year ensuing

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 27: 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	W Sever	A Ward
B Greenleaf	Caleb Cushing	Jedidiah Preble
R Derby	John Whitcomb	S Holten
Tim^{o} Danielson	Danl Davis	D Hopkins
Josiah Stone	A Fuller	Oliver Prescott

In the House of Representatives, January 26th

Whereas it is represented to this Court that the Committee of Correspondence Inspection &c for the Town of Gorham in the County of Cumberland have in their Possession a Silver Cup & Tankard said to be the Property of William Tyng, late of Falmouth in s^{d} County who has fled to the enemies of the United States of America therefore Resolve the said Committee of Gorham be & they are hereby directed to deliver said Silver Cup and Tankard to the Treasurer of this State & take his Receipt for the same any Resolve or Order of this Court to the Contrary not withstanding

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 26, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	W. Sever	A Ward

B. Greenleaf	Caleb Cushing	W. Spooner
John Whitcomb	S Holten	Dan[l] Davis
Tim[o] Danielson	D Hopkins	Josiah Stone
Oliver Prescott	B White	Jabez Fisher

Resolve concerning the Committee of Gorham to deliver the Silver Cup mentioned in the Representation of Gorham Jan[y] 26′ 1778

Mechias Januery 27[t] 1778

To the Honorable the Board of War for the State of Massachusetts Bay by this opertunity the Committe of this place would Inform you that During the Last Summer we Suplyd the Commisereys Store at Mechias with sundries of Provisions for the use of the Trups in the States Surves — In this place amounting to £328.. 3.. 7 and we heave Taken Captain Stephen Smith's Bill Drawn on your honours for the Same also we payd Captain Gooch £93.. 18. — for y[e] fraight of the artellerey & Stores belonging to the State brought here by him for which we have a Bill upon your honours for all amounting to £422 : 1 .. 7 The two said Bills will be presented to you by Major Stillman and as wee are indepted to the State Do not Disiar to Draft the money out for them but That wee may have Credit for the said Sums from the State and that Major Stillman may be furnished with a Recpt. for the Whole amount for and in behalf of the Committe of Mechias In order that wee may Charge the State With the same wee are with Due Respect yours to Surve

By Order of the Committe

p James Flinn Clark

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives Jan[y] 27, 1778

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State

to the Board of War the Sum of Seaven hundred fifty pounds for the purpose of purchasing half of ye Schooner Elizabeth & her Cargo ye said Vessell to be employed in bringing Lumber from Machias & other Eastern ports

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Jany 27, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^y Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	W. Sever	A Ward
B Greenleaf	W Spooner	Caleb Cushing
John Whitcomb	S Holten	A Fuller
I Palmer	D Hopkins	John Taylor
B White	Oliver Prescott	Tim^o Danielson
Josiah Stone	N Cushing	

A Calculation for Sundry articles Necessary for 150 Troops for Six Months — [Here follows list of articles.]

N.B This Quantity as has been Deliverd this Summer will Serve 150 —

The above is an Estimate of Provision &c for one Hundred Indian Troops for Six months —

Mem. of Sundry Articles to Supply the Truck House at Machias for Trading with Indians — [Here follows list of articles.]

Machias Jany 27th 1778

for and in behalf of John Allan Esq Conten^l Agent for Indians East Depart. Jno Avery D^y Secy

In Council Feby 26' 1778

Read & Comitted to the Committee who have now under Consideration the Letters & Papers of Col^o Allan —

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives Feby 26, 1778

Read & concurred with an amendment at **A** viz At **A** insert "together with the acccounts of John Allan Esq"

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Feby 27' 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Memo of Sundry Warr Like Stores Wanting for the Military Department, at Mechias January 28th 1778.—

[Here follows list of articles.]

Pepperellbor^{o} Janu^{y} 1778

Sir

Having been Honor^{d} with a Commision from the Major part of the Honorable Council appointing me to the Command of the youngest Regiment of the Brigade in the County of York — and have Served as a Military Officer upwards of Twenty years — in all which Time in that Sphere of Life as well as Every Other, have Endeavoured to Serve my Country with fidelity in Preserving it^{s} Liberties and there has not been one Officer that has Served in Either of the Regiments in this Brigade but has Served under me when I was a field officer — as an officer or Soldier — the Late Brigadier served under me as a Captain, when there was but one Regiment in the County of York — when the Regiment was Divided and formed into a Brigade, I Accepted a Commission with the Sole Motive of Serving my Country — being Deeply Impress^{d} in mind at that Time — the Salvation of this Country from an inveterate foe — Depending on a well Regulated Militia th^{o} I will not here Deny but that I Tho^{t} it a Degradation to hold a Commission under one who had Served under me th^{o}

I Esteemed him as a Gentlem^{n} and a Soldier but I tho^{t} my Country wou^{d} have been Disserted at that Time had I then Resigned my Command by Reason of the Times being so fluctuating — but of Late a Path has been Opened by the Death of the Late Brigadier of this Country for Some other Gentleman Besides him who has been Honor^{d} with the Promotion thereof as I Conceive and as I have been Credibly Informed was Obtained at the Expence of other^{s} Characters I am therefore Constrained under these and other Considerations to Resign my Command of the Regiment I have the Honor of Commanding — otherwise I shou^{d} not do Justice to mySelf, and if this Method of a Resignation is not Sufficient to the Honorable Council will wait their Command in any formal method they may Prescribe to add further there was a Dispute Subsisting Some Time Since at ye general Court Between the Two Western Regiments in this County about Precedency I Cannot but Observe had there then been a Litigation Between Either of them and the Eastern Regiment it must have been Easily Determined in favour of the Latter, for I was the only officer in ye Brigade, that had been a field Officer Before the Regiment was Divided and was the Matter Traced Back it wou^{d} be found that the first Field Officer that was ever appointed in the County of York or Province of Main Lived within the Limits of Where my Regiment now is and any Person whatever Seeking Preferment at the Expence of another Character must I Shou^{d} Think appear Disagreable to all Persons whatever I have been Credibly Informed it has been Represented to Several Gentlem^{n} who are members belonging to the Honorable General Court — that Neither Col^{o} Sayer or my Self was ever willing to Serve the Country by going with the Militia when the Service of the Country Required it this I Take to be a Reflection and Ought to be Resented, also at ye Time the Last Draft was made to Reinforce the Continental Army the Gentlem^{n} was

Please^{d} to Say that no men wou^{d} be Raised in the County of York unless he was Commissionated to take ye Derection, Seems to Imply a Very Great Dissability in ye Officers or a Carelessness in them — which Ought not to be Passed over was it the Case — but notwithstanding all that has been Suggested by —— I Shall Esteem it an High Honor if I can Serve my Country in the Important Affairs it is Engaged in. Let it be in what Capacity it will that is not Dishonarable to me and am Sir with great Veneration your Most obedient Humb^{l} Servt — Tristram Jordan

To the President of the Honorable Board
to be Communicated

In Council April 3^{d} 1778
Read & Sent Down Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives April 3^{d} 1778
Read & ordered That Coll^{o} Porter & Mr Ingalls with such as the Honble Board may join to be a Committee to consider the within Letter & report

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p̲ Temp

In Council April 3^{d} 1778
Read & Concurred and Oliver Prescot Esq is joined
Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

The Com^{tee} of both Houses appointed to Consider the within Letter, report that the Honble Council be Desired to accept the s^{d} Letter from Col^{o} Jordan as a resignation of his Commission — Oliver Prescott p^{r} order

In Council April 3^{d} 1778 Read & Accepted
Sent Down for Concurrence Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives April 4th 1778
Read & Concurr'd J Pitts Spk p̲ T

To the President of the Honorab^{l} Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

State of the Massachusetts Bay.

To the honorable the Council & house of Representatives of said state in great & general assembled.

The Petition of the Committee of Correspondence, inspection & safety for the town of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland humbly sheweth.

That on the sixteenth day of August A D 1777 they stopped sixteen oxen in said Falmouth which Jacob Hathway & Ralph Austin two strangers had purchased east of Falmouth and were then driving to the Westward through said town, they the said Committee suspecting that said oxen were designed & intended to be carried out of this state/ being provisions/contrary to a resolve of the great & general court of this state passed upon the 5th of February A D 1777. That they stopped the same as above said in order to make enquiry agreeable to said Resolve. But that no certificate was produced by said persons from the Committee of any town in this state from whence said provision was taken to said Committee of Falmouth nor any satisfaction given them that the same was not intended to be carried out of the state; nor any other act or thing, required by said resolve, done by the persons aforesaid to entitle them to a redelivery of said provision, nor have they to this day applied to your petitioners respecting the same.

Wherefore your petitioners at the expiration of thirty days from the time of stopping said provision seized the same agreeable to said resolve & proceeded to file an information against the same at the Court of general sessions of the peace holden at said Falmouth within and for said county of Cumberland on the last tuesday of October A D 1777 in order to get the same adjudged forfeited, & disposed of agreeable to said resolve viz one half to the use of this state & the other half to the use of your Petitioners, But your Petitioners found that after said provision was stopped and seized as

afores[d] but before the setting of said Court the resolve aforesaid was repealed, so that said Court of Sessions could not proceed to try & adjudge the same forfiet, but they continued the cause to the next term in the last tuesday of March A D 1778, in order to give an opportunity to your petitioners to apply to your honors for relief.—

Wherefore as your honors Petitioners have been at great expense in keeping said Oxen which they seized by virtue of a Resolve of Court & from a regard to the good of the public, and may be made liable to the action of the owners of said Cattle & to pay damages for what they apprehend was lawfully done at the time, without the interposition of this Honorable Court, they humbly pray your honors would be pleased to take the premises into your wise consideration and revive said resolve as to the seizure & information & proceedings aforesaid respecting the Oxen aforesaid & impower the said Court of Sessions to proceed to the hearing tryal & condemnation of said oxen in the manner directed by said resolve as fully as if the same had never been repealed, or otherwise relieve your petitioners in such way and manner as to your honors great wisdom shall seem meet.

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c —

By order of the Committee John Waite Chairman

Resolved that the Board of War be and hereby are directed to supply Stephen Smith Truckmaster at Machias, with all such Articles agreeable to the Estimates accompanying that resolve for the Truck House under his Care for Supplying the Several Tribes of Indians in that Department: and also to Supply from time to time as they shall think proper said Stephen Smith Commissary at Machias with such Provisions and Ammunition as may be necessary for Subsisting and Supplying such men as may be Raised by this Resolve for

the Defence of Machias and to Repay those Provisions that have been already borrowed by Col° Allan for the said Service and also Supplying said Smith with 400 lbs Powder and 500 lbs Ball to furnish the Militia that may at any time be called out for the Defence of that part of the State, said Smith to be accountable —

Resolved that the [Board] be & hereby are requested to appoint a Suitable Person with the Rank of Major who shall be and hereby is impowered and directed to Inlist a Number of Men not exceeding one hundred for the Defence of Machias not more than one half of Same to be [illegible] and the Parts adjacent, and the Officers and Men to be under the Command of Col° John Allan to form them into one Company with One Captain two Lieu^ts one Ensign four Sergeants, four Corporals. One Drum and One fife and to continue in Service till the first day of December next unless sooner discharged and said major is hereby impowered to Appoint all the Officers of said Company and the Council is hereby requested to furnish said Major with blank Commissions for that purpose, and to encourage said Officers and Soldiers to engage and Continue in said Service it is further

Resolved that each Officer and Soldier who shall engage as aforesaid shall be entitled to, and receive the same Rations and pay as the Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Army and each Non Commissioned Officer and Soldier who shall Inlist as aforesaid shall upon passing Muster receive a Bounty of Six pounds to be paid him by the Muster Master, and upon his providing himself with a good effective fire Arm, and Bayonet, Cartridge Box, Knapsack, Blanket, and Canteen or Wooden Bottle, shall in Addition to the Above incouragement receive Twenty Shillings per month for each Callander month he shall Continue in Service

And it is further Resolved that the Council be requested ot Appoint Muster Masters to muster the said Company and

to furnish said Muster Masters from the Publick Treasury with a Sum of Money Sufficient to pay the above bounty.—

And it is further Resolved that Col° John Allan be impowered and directed to engage in Service as many Indians as he shall think proper not exceeding one hundred and upon such an Establishment as he thinks their Service shall merit, and Make return to this Court that such Order may be taken thereon, as this Court shall think necessary —

Resolved that the Board of War be and are hereby Directed to furnish Stephen Smith Commissary at Machias with Stores Necessary for one hundred Indian troops and Likewise sundry Military Stores Agreeable to a List accompanying this Resolve

it is further Resolved that the Secretary furnish Coll Allan with a copy of the Acts & Resolves of this Court

N° 2 Wee Dont know what Stores were Sent But wee know there was many Complaints among the people that they Could get nothing & it being made a Condition that none were to Receive them unless all Became bound & that being Refused as must bee Expected answered their purpose of Keeping the Stores for their own Use because they knew that but few had money to Purchase :— The note was procured by their Declaring in a public meeting that the Stores would not be delivered without the people were bound Jointly

3d The Company are not employed in Scouting or other Duty for which they were Intended but are Employed in Servises for the oficers —

N. B Enquire of the Soilders now gone to Boston & of Capt preble who lives in the neibourhood

As to the ten Indians in the Service it is Confidently Reported they do no Scouting or any kind of Duty & Do not Come near the garison except once a week or fortnight for

their allowance & they getting so much for nothing Causes a Jealousy among the others & gives a great opertuonty to the oficers to put most of the Indians pay in their own pockets At present the Company is partly of boys For Enquire of the Soilders now at Boston

4th Wee apprehend that Colo Brewer multiplying the number of men in his district has been Injurius to us by having Such a number of oficers Colo Brewer ordered Deadmen to bee put into the list to Increase its number

See the Return

5th That the money put into the hands of Truck oficers has been ill improved & in no respect answred the design of the State & it is att length entirely Consumed & the Indians left without any Supply except what they get from private tradors Several evidences to prove this See abram preble Silas heathorn Issiah Barley Simon Smith Ebenzr McKenzie and others — But Colo Brewer Refused taking their depositions & before he Returned they being Enlisted were obliged to go to Boston

See the Evidence of Caleb Goodwin & others

6th That there was a great perversion of Justice Respecting Coln Brewer not punishing a thief but making up a Criminal affair & to Serve himself & Coln Lowder Contrived it so as to get the man inlisted into the Continental Servis tho he was a Deserter: & got his bounty

See Jedidiah preble & Stanton prentice evidence.—

7th The alarm about the Indians had no foundation & was made to Serve them Selves to the great hurt of the Inhabitants

See preble Fletcher & Curtes Evidence

8 That Coln Brewer Coln Lowder Leit Gilman Evidently avoided being Served with Copyes of Corts orders

See No 5 B Nicholas Crosby & Gustaves Swan Evidence

State of Massachusetts Bay Feby 1st 1778

This may Certify that Elisha Bragdon Robert Libby Nathanel worrin Abraham Durgin John Robbinson and John Mathews have ben Inlisted into the Continental Army By Sargt. —— Capt Norths Copy Coll Lees Regt for the term of three years and Mustered without their Bountys Being Paid

Test Daniel Ilsley

Muster Master for the County of Cumberland

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives February the 4th 1778 Resolved That there be paid out of the publick Treasury of this State the Sum of Therty pounds to Mr Briant Morton the Chairman of the Committee to go to the County of Cumberland for the purpose of Collecting the Return of the Number of Male inhabitants in Each Town in the said County to Enable him to prosecute the business above mentioned he being accountable to this Court therefor,

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Speaker pro Tem

In Council Feby 4, 1778

Read & Concurred Warrant drawn.

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

In the Committe of Inspection, Correspondence & Safety at Machias this 7th Day of Feby 1778

This may Certify that ye Inventory hereunto Annexed has been Carefully Examined and taken by us and we have just Reason to think that ye Several Articles therein Contained were Burnt Destroyed & Plunderd from ye Said Sylvanes Scott by ye Enemy in ye 15th of last Augst also it further appear to us that ye said Scott lost ye greatest part of his Potatoes and other Roots growing Likewise a Quanty of

Fence Burnt nearly his Land lays Common tho ye Burning a Part of ye Fence and Destroy^g^ a part of ye Grass growing was partly Ocassioned by ye Troops in ye States being Posted upon said Premises which by no means cou'd be Prevented but still all adds to ye Distress of ye unfortunate Mr Scott & we must Recommend him to Legislative Authority for ye State of Massachusetts Bay not Doubting but ye will grant him such Relief as will be Necessary, as we can affirm that his Circumstances demand^s^ the Charity of the Publick, as it is out of ye Power of his Friends to assist him and also at this Distressing time it is out of ye Power of the Inhabitants of this Settlement to give him any assistance adequate to his losses but are ready to Condole with him in his Distress and woud be willing to Exercise Charity in Relieving him were it in their Power p^er^ order of the Committee

Stephen Smith Chairman

In Council Feby 27′ Read & Ordered that John Taylor Esq with such as the Hon'ble House shall appoint be a Committee to consider this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon —

In the House of Representatives Feby 27, 1778

Read & Concurred and Mr Ingalls Mr Wyman are joined —

J Warren Spkr

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Feb 7th on the Petition of Timothy Frost of York in the County of York

Praying that the Administrators of the Estate of Jotham Moulton Esqr late of York Aforesaid deceased, may be impowered to reconvey to the Petitioners About one Acre & Quarter of land & the buildings thereon for the reasons Set forth in his petition.

Resolved that the Administrators of the Estate of Jotham Moulton Esqr Aforesaid, be & they hereby Are Authorized & impowered to execute a deed of release to said Timothy Frost of such part of the real Estate Said Timothy conveyed to Said Jotham in 1774, which remains undisposed of, for Such Sum & upon Such Conditions, as from a Consideration of the particular Circumstances of the case may Appear to them Just & equitable, & Such release Shall have the Same force & effect as if it had been executed by the Said Jotham in his life time, Any law to the contrary notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Speak^{r} p^{ro} Tem

In Council Feby 7, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
Caleb Cushing	Benjamin Austin	Josiah Stone
D Sewall	John Whitcomb	Jabez Fisher
Moses Gill	J Cushing	Tim^{o} Danielson
S Holten	John Taylor	Danl Davis
A Fuller		

Mechias February 12th 1778.

Sir

You will Receive on Board the Sloop under your Command Captain James Littlefield Lately from Nova Scotia whose Vessell was taken by the priviteer Schooner Congress Capt Marun, having arrived from Enemys Country, and his throwing himself upon me as Comm^{y} Claiming protection as a subject of the united States, you will therefore see proper Care taken of him nor permit any person to molest him or permit him to Quit the Vessell till he arrives at some port to the Westward of Penobscut, where you will permit him to depart should he request it —

You will also Receive on Board one Mr Rob Bell an Inhabitant of Passamaquady in Nova Scotia, this man I have Repeated Accounts is very Active in Aiding & Assisting the adherents of Great Britain, and is what is Commonly Term'd a Tory, & if permited to return may be of the most dangerous Consequence to this Country, You will therefore not permit him to Leave the Vessell till your Arrival at Boston, Newbury or Portsmouth at any of which, you will take him before the Committee of Safety &c Communicating this my Letter, & request of them to secure him By Bond or otherwise, so that he may not return Eastward, it may be observed that a short time ago he went to Nova Scotia to get some Vessell of force to protect the British Adhearents — Any Expence Arising shall be punctualy pay^{d}

I am Your h^{b} s^{t} J. Allan

Supernd of Indians Eastern Depart

Capt. Ephriam Chase

Return of Rations due to Colo^{l} Benjamin Foster's Regiment of Militia while on Duty at Machias Between the 20th of May 1777 and the 13th of February Following, Viz^{t} —

Benjamin Foster, Colonel; Alexander Campbell, Lieu^{t} Colonel; Samuel Jordan, Major; Jonas Farnsworth, Adjutant; James Flinn, Qua. Master; Nathl Cox, Serj^{t} Major; Benj^{a} Foster, Colonel; Joseph Libby, Capt; Thirty five Privates; Joseph Seavy, Captain; Fifty Two Privates; Joseph Seavy, Captain; Ezekiel Foster, Lieu^{t}; Forty five Privates; Stephen Smith, Captain; Amos Boynton, Lieu^{t}; Forty five Privates; Joel Whitney, Lieu^{t}; Jonathan Knight, D^{o}; Eighteen Privates; Samuel Libby & Company; Henry Dyer & D^{o}; Lieu^{t} Wm Nickles & Men; Capt John Hall & D^{o}

[Signed] Jonas Farnsworth Adj^{t}

In the House of Representatives Feby 14th 1778

on the Petition of Clerk Linniken praying to be liberated from the common Goal for Reasons therein mentioned.

Resolved that the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln be and he hereby is directed to liberate & discharge the said Clerk Linniken from his present confinement, without demanding any Costs of said prisoner: and that the said Sheriff be directed to lay his account of the Costs arising upon said Commitment before the Court of General Sessions of the peace for said County which Court are hereby impowered and directed to pay out of the said County Treasury all such legal Costs as have arisen

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spk^{r} p^{ro} Tem

In Council Feby 14$'$ 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
Caleb Cushing	John Taylor	John Whitcomb
S Holten	Benj Austin	D Hopkins
Danl Davis	Oliver Prescott	A Fuller
Josiah Stone	N Cushing	B White
Moses Gill		

Pepperrellbor^{o} Feby 16th 1778

Dear Sir

I think it Necessary that the Naval Laws be Revised for those that are Enemies to the State may do almost as they are mind to do for a Vessel may Come from Nova Scotia and go back again without being Detain^{d} unless the Council or Representative Body Give Particular Orders to Detain a Naval Officer as an Officer Cannot Stop a Vessel by Law and Shou^{d} he Pretend to take a Vessel into Custody on Suspiction there is nothing to Indemnify him he is therefore in

fear of Doing a Duty that I think is incumbent to be Done Several Vessels has been into this Shore from Nova Scotia of Late and if these Things are Allow^{d} Intelligence may be Carried to the Enemy at all Times for we know not our Friends from our Enemies that Come from that Quarter

[unsigned]

To the Hon^{b} the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety for the Town of Boston beg leave to Represent to your Honors That one Robert Bell sent here from Mechias by Col^{o} Allan as a person unfriendly to the United States, has been examined by us, & it appearing to the Committee that his going at large might be attended with disagreable Circumstances; they have committed him to the Goal of this County, and if your Honors shall Judge proper to take further order concerning him

Wm Davis Chairman ꝑ order

Boston Feb. 23^{d} 1777 —

In Council March 3^{d} 1778 Read & Committed to Moses Gill Esq to consider this Petition w^{h} the Letter from Col^{o} Allan & report what is best to be done thereon

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

To the Hon^{bl} the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety for the Town of Boston beg leave to acquaint your Honors, that upon a complaint entered, by Capt. Ogreen Crabtree, against Capt. James Littlefield an Inhabitant of this State, as having

Corresponded & traded with the Enemy in Nova Scotia — they have examined into the grounds of this Complaint; and from the declarations made by several Persons, they think it their duty to acquaint the Honble Board with this Complaint, and to lay some of the Evidences in support of it before them — as also to inform your Honors, that from conversing with several Persons belonging to Mechias & other parts of the Eastward, they have reason to think that the Indulgences granted to some who have an Interest in Nova Scotia have been perverted to the purpose of a private trade with the Inhabitants of that State, which has been productive of universal discontent in those parts of this State — by order of the Committee John Simpkins Ch^{r}man

Boston Feby 24, 177

Letters & Papers respecting William Ball of Passimiquody now confined in Boston Goal with Order thereon for the liberation —

Boston At a Meeting of the Comm^{ee} of Correspondence Inspection & Safety Feby 24/ 1778

Mr Jeremiah Thompson of Penobscott in this State appeared, and declared that when Capt. Littlefield came into Cornwallis in Nova Scotia on or about the 24 of Decem^{r} he there discharged 4 hhds. of Molasses from the Sloop Elizabeth — that about the 3^{d} of January he agreed with said Littlefield to go in said Sloop to the West Indies and got at Hallifax, Men & a lot of cotton wool but proceeded no farther than Pasamequadee in the Governmt of Nova Scotia, & there landed 5 hhds of Moloses & all the Cotton Wool & was to have loaded with Lumber for W. Indies as Capt Littlefield told him.

after which the Vessel was taken by Capt John Marcon of of the Armed Schooner Congress. that before the Vessel

was captured he took Capt Littlefield in a Burch Canoe with two Indians, who was going as Littlefield informed to Machias — that he heard Mr John Avery of Windsor in Nova Scotia say that he owned a part of the Vessel above mentioned — being asked whether he had ever heard Capt Littlefield speak against the Country he declared he had not, but on the Contrary had heard him stand up for America as also that he never heard of his giving any advice to the Enemie or of his doing anything unfriendly to his Country —

Jere Thompson

Robert Kent in the County of Lincoln appeared, & declared that he had shipped upon s^{d} Sloop Elizabeth at Pemaquid for Machias the 2^{d} Day of December, & agreed with Capt Littlefield to go in said Sloop to ye West Indies at 16 Dollars a month & expected to receive his Wages in hard Money in the West Indies,— that he proceeded as far as Passamaquadee & from thence to Cornwallis, where they landed from the Vessel 4 hhds the contents unknown — from Cornwallis he returned to Passamaquadee & help'd hall the Vessel on shore for nessaries & afterward to unload part of the Cargo — after which the Vessel was taken — that he understood She was to have taken in Fish & Oyle at Passamaquadee but where the rest of the Cargo was to be procured he knew not — that he had never heard or knew him do or say any thing to the prejudice of his Country — And that he had heard Capt Littlefield say, that on his return from the West Indies he intended to fall in with Pemaquid —

Robert Kent

Jonas Farnsworth of Machias appeared & declared that at the time Capt Littlefield was brought into Machias which was about August last, he had two Sea Men on board, viz. John Trayha & Walter Wilkins who were Inhabitants of Annapolis Royal in Nova Scotia & that he knew Trayha to

be a Person greatly suspected of being enimical to his Country — Jonas Farnsworth

Mem^a the above Declarations taken when Capt Littlefield was present. Col^o Benjamin Foster appeared Col^o Thaw.

Deposition of Thomas Rice.

I Thos Rice of lawfull age testify & say that some Time last Summer, as I think, I saw two Letters signed Charles Callehan Dated in some part of Nova Scotia, directed the one to his Wife, the other to a Gentleman in Pownalboro. He began them with complaints that he was injuriously & wickedly drove from his Home & Family, contrary to his Inclination, and mentioned that he feared his Wife was persecuted & plundered, as plundering he said was the prevailing practice of the Times. In his Letter to his Wife, after giving her some Directions respecting the Family, desired she would come to him in the Spring, if she could not be in quiet at Home, for He was well provided for, and was in an Armed Vessel of ten or twelve Guns with one hundred brave Fellows under him, and that he was determined to fight as long as he could keep Guns & Carriages together; He mentioned in his Letter that it would have been more agreeable to him to have gone into the Merchants Service, than a board an Armed Vessel, but no Opportunity presented. He further mentioned that he was a good Pilot both by Land or Water on this Coast and that it was likely he should soon have an Opportunity to draw on the Committee at Pownalboro: He further mentioned he had a fixed Salary (the exact Sum I cannot remember,) besides what he could catch.

Pownalboro' Feby 25, 1778 Tho. Rice

Lincoln Ss. Pownalbor^o Feby 25th 1778. Then the above named Thos Rice personally appear'd & after being Carefully examin'd & Duely Cautioned to testify the whole

Truth, made Solemn Oath that the above Deposition by him subscrib'd (According to the best of his remembrance) Contains the Truth. Before me

Nath[l] Thwing Just Peace

A Committee of both Houses upon the Petition of the Com[tte] of Machias and several Letters from Col[o] John Allan, have considered the same; and apprehend that the retaining and securing the Several Tribes of Eastern Indians in the Friendship and Service of the United States is a matter of the utmost importance to the safety and Defence of so Valuable a part of this State as the Eastern Country, and to this end your Committee apprehend that it is absolutely Necessary that the Truck house at Machias should be supplyed with Cloth, Corn, Rum, & every Kind of stores Necessary for such a Department as the best means to secure the several Tribes of Indians from taking part with the Enemy — Your Com[tee] further report that it will be expedient for the safety of Machias, and to prevent the progress of the Enemy in the Eastern Country, that a small Body of men not exceeding one hundred for their present Relief should be immediately inlisted under the special Direction of Col[o] Allan divided into two Companys properly Organized and Stationed at Machias, and that the said Col[o] Allan be impowered to ingage in Service as many Indians as he Can and upon such an Establishment as shall be adequate to their service — and that Stephen Smith the Commissary should be supplied with provisions &c not only for subsistance of the men that may be raised replace what provisions have been already Borrowed — and that a Quantity of Powder & Ball be also sent to said Commissary to supply the Malitia that may be Called at any time to reinforce that part and that the whole matter should be laid before Congress for their inspection & allowance — Your Com[tee] would inform this Court that there are

several important matters Contained in said Allan's Letters that have not yet been Considered and your Com^{tee} ask leave to set again —

all which is Submitted Moses Gill p order

In Council Feby 25′ 1778

Read & Sent Down Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

In the House of Representatives Feby 28, 1778

Read and accepted and the Committee are directed to draw the same into a Resolve —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spker

In Council March 2^{d} 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

In the House of Representatives March 7, 1778

Read & recommitted & the Committee are directed to set forthwith —

Ordered that Maj Cross be of the Committee in the room of Mr Wood absentt —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council March 7, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

The Committee of both Houses to Whom was recommitted, the above report ask leave to report the annexed resolve

Which is Submitted Moses Gill

In Council March 10^{h} 1778

Read & Sent Down Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

In the House of Representatives March 10′ 1778

Read & recommitted — and the Committee are directed to report an Estimate of supplies necessary for the Commissary and Truck Master at Machias

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Speaker

In Council March 11′ 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

The Committee of both Houses, to Whom was recommitted the foregoing report agreeable to order of Court, have made out an Estimate of Amonitions and provitions, Necessary for the Supplying and Subsisting, of Three hundred Men for Six months for the defence of Machias, also an Estimate for provitions &c for One hundred and fifty Indians, for the same space of time, also an Estimate of Articles Necessary for Supplying the Truck House, which Estimates Accompany this Report. — and Which is Submitted Moses Gill p order

In the House of Representatives March 12 1778
Read & passed as amended
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spk^r

In Council March 12° 1778.
Read & sent down Jn° Avery D^y Secy

In Council March 13′ 1778.
Read & the Board reconsidered their Vote of Concurrence with the House on the within Resolutions —
Jn° Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives March 13 1778
Read again and passed as further amended
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spker

In Council March 13′ 1778
Read & Concurred Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

Consented to

Jer Powell	I Cushing	Moses Gill
John Taylor	John Whitcomb	I Palmer
N Cushing	A Fuller	Benj Austin
H. Gardner	Oliver Prescott	Tim° Danielson
D Hopkins	Josiah Stone	

In Council Feby 26′ 1778

Ordered that Col° Jonathan Buck be and he hereby is directed to cause the fourth Company of his Militia in his

Regt together with the Alarm List within the Limits of the same to meet together & make Choice of a Captain in the Room of Dennis Getchell who has leave from this Board to resign his Commission and he is further required to see that the Choice is made according to the Directions of the Law and duly certified to the Secretary of this State

Read & Accepted Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled

Humbly shews Daniel Sullivan of Frenchmans Bay in the County of Lincoln — that in the Course of the summer and Fall past he was waited upon by his superiour Officers in the Militia three several times to March his Company for the Defenee of Machias and that he marched them sixty miles Each Time upon said orders as appears by his pay roll examined by the Committee of the Honourable Assembly — and that his said Company are allowed in said Roll at the Rate of forty shillings per month for their Time whereupon he begs Leave to suggest that the sum allowed them is but a small reward for the loss they sustained in being taken from their business in the only season in which they could procure hay for the wintering their Cattle and he therefore prays that some further allowance may be made them and that they may have the same wages as the Militia in the Western part of the State when they have been allowed in like Cases

And also begs leave to show your hon^rs that he paid the expense of sixty six men untill it amounted to three hundred and Twenty two Days of men more in said marches, of his men and prays that the same may be allowed him out of the public treasury

and he likes would Represent to the Honourable assembly that the said Frenchmans Bay are in the most Distressed cir-

cumstances for want of the necessaries of Life and that he would therefore humbly hope that your honours would order that the sums Granted as well upon his pay Roll as this petition may be laid out in the State Store for such necessaries as the people in whose behalf he petitions are suffering for — and as the greatest part of the arms of said People have been taken in our Coasting vessels whereby they are rendered in a Defenseless Situation he therefore prays that they may have the Loan of a few arms and be Supplied with some amunition upon Security to return the arms and to pay for the amunition — as he is at great Distance from home in this Inclement season of the year and upon very great expense he prays your Honours to take this petition under Consideration as soon as more important Business will admit of it & he will ever pray

Feby 26th 1778 Danl Sullivan

Resolve suffering Danl Sulivane to make up his Muster Roll at the Rate of 40s. p mo for the Soldiers that march'd to Machias & directing the Board of War to supply the Inh. at Frenchmans Bay all Necessaries —

Feby 27′ 1778 —

In the House of Representatives Feby 27 1778

On the Petition of Daniel Sullivan Resolved that the said Daniel Sullivan be Admitted to make up a Muster Roll at the Rate of two Pound Ten Shillings per Month in addition to one he Made up at two Pound per Month, for the Soldiers that Marcht from Frenchmans Bay to Machias upon alarms there several times in the Months of July Sepr and Octr last — it is further Resolved That the said Daniel Sullivan and Company be allowed the same Rations as those Officers and Soldiers that Marcht to the Wisterd in Sepr last — Resolved that the said Sullivan be permitted to purchase of

the Board of war so much of the Necessarys of Life for the use of the Inhabitants of Frenchmans Bay as the amount of his Muster Roll if the Board of War can spare it — it is further Resolved That the said Daniel Sullivan have Liberty to purchase of the Comissary Gen^{li} Twenty five Fire arms two Hundred w^{t} of Powder Eight Hundred w^{t} of Lead and four Hundred Flints he giving proper security for the same to be paid to the Comissary of this State within twelve Months from the Date of this Resolve —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Feby 27′ 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
J Cushing	John Taylor	S Holten
Moses Gill	Caleb Cushing	B White
Danl Davis	D Hopkins	A Fuller
I Palmer	Josiah Stone	Benj Austin
Tim^{o} Danielson		

Resolved that the Petition of Daniel Sullivan be Admitted to Make up a Muster Roll at the Rate of 2/10 per Month in addition to one he has Made up at 4 0/0 for those Officers and Soldiers that Marcht from Frenchmans bay to Mechias upon alarms there several times in the months of July Sepr and Octr last and it is further Resolved that the said Daniel Sullivan and Company be allowed the same Rations as those officers and soldiers that Marcht to the Westrd in Sepr last — Resolved that the said Sullivan be addmitted to purchase of the Board of War so much Necessarys of Life for the use of the Inhabitants of Frenchmans bay as the amount of his Muster Roll it is further Resolved that the said Daniel Sullivan have liberty of purchasing 25 Fire arms

200L of Powder 800L of Lead and 400 Flints he giving security for the same to be paid to the Comissary of this State within ——— from this time

State Massachusetts Bay

To the honorable the Council and hon° house of Representatives in General Court assembled

The petition of the Inhabitants of a new plantation or settlement called Royalsbourg in the County of Cumberland humbly sheweth.—

That the Inhabitants of Brunswick did in the year 1776 assess the polls of the inhabitants of said Royalsbourg towards the public tax laid on said Brunswick that year, and have required the inhabitants of said Royalsbourg to give in a list of their polls & estates in order to assess them again towards said Brunswicks part of the public tax for the year 1777. Which the said Inhabitants of Brunswick suppose they have a right to do, by virtue of the tax acts for those years respectively.

Your Petitioners beg leave to represent to your honors that by far the greater part of the families in said Royalsbourg (not being now more than 49 in all) have been settled there no more than four or five years, that they enterd on wild uncultivated lands, had a wilderness to subdue, and buildings to erect for shelter with great difficulty labour & expense, & are yet strugling for life — That an early frost the last year 1777 in a great measure cut off their indian Corn Crops so that not half enough was raised there for the necessary use & support of the Inhabitants that they have nothing else to dispose of nor any business or trade by which to procure a supply of so necessary and at present dear as well as scarce an article, much less to obtain money to pay

in taxes — that they have but 46 men on the training band list, of whom seveteen are inlisted for three years in the continental army — many of whom have left families whom they must supply agreeable to a late Resolve of the general court, which is, in the present scarcity & dearness of provisions, a heavy burthen upon them, notwithstanding the provision made in said resolve for their reimbursement of that expense —

That their being taxed in Brunswick toward their proportion of the public tax (& which is no more than their proportion if Royalsbourg was not in being) is a benefit & relief to Brunswick only, and is not of the least advantage to the state, and there appears to your petitioners no good reason why they should help Brunswick pay its public tax rather than any other town in the state Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your honors to take the premises into your wise & merciful consideration, and order that the collector of Brunswick for the year 1776 be directed not to demand of any of the Inhabitants of said Royalsbourg the poll tax laid on them by said Brunswick that year but that the same be remitted them — and that said Brunswick should not assess them for the year 1777 or in case they have done it or may do it before your honors pass upon this Petition that such assessment may be vacated & the sums assessed remitted to them — or that your Honors would otherwise releive your Petitioners in such way & manner as to your Honors shall seem meet & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c —

charles gerrish Charles Hill Jisah chandler Ebenezer Robards, William Gerish, Vitt[t] Gusase Micah Dyer, John parker, Benjamin Eben Isley, Vining David Dyer, John Cushing, Samuel Smith Charles Garish, Robinson Crockett, Ezekiel Jones Vensen Robarts, Benj[a] Sawyer, Moses Mariner Jon[a] Armstrong huse gatchell, John

gatchell Robart gatchell, John blethen, Josiah Day Samuel Roy, Stephen Samuel York Joshea Strout

[Dated on back of document, Feb. 2, 1778]

To the Honourable Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled.— The Protition of Cap[t] Jabez West, of Machias, in Behalf of his Company that had ben under his Command: this Last Summer for the Defence of that Place.—

Humbly Sheweth,— That whareas your Protitioner raised a Company the Last Summer at Machias; and the noncommition[d] officers and soldiers wear Cheafly men that had familys in that Place: being oblidged to Strictly attend thear Duty, from July till December.— Several of which not having time to Cut hay for thear Cattel: and have been obliged to kill them: or othear ways Dispose of them to thear grate Disadvantage,— and others Loosing the gratest Part,— and some all, the grain and Roots theay had growing; and now have Scarce any thing Left to Depend on for thear Support, the Remainder of the winter and Spring.— but Part of thear Pay for thear Service which at only the Establish Pay: will give thear Suffering familys but a Small Releaf.

Thearefore your Protitioner Pray your Honours to take this matter: into your wise Consideration and grant us such Additional Pay: as others have ben granted in Like Cases; in this State,— so that it will not only serve for thear grate Releaf at this time of Distress: but grately incoridge them: to Enter into the Service again —

also your Protitioner beg Leave to acquant your Honours: that he has ben at a Very Considerable Expence for Raising a Company which Consisted of 45 men — and not yet had any alowance for it,— thearfore your Protitioner humbly Prays, he may be Paid for such Service, as in your wisdom you shall see fit,

Likewise your Protitioner Prays, if your honours should see fit: to alow an additional Pay to the men in his Role, that your Honours would Lett the whole of it Come out of the State Store, in Provitions & Cloathing.—as your Protitioner: is in the gratest Hast, to Return. So he may Releave the Destressd.—and as in Duty bound your Protitioner, Will Ever Pray —

Jabez West

Boston February 2d 1778

Gouldsboro February 2d 1778

These may Certyfey that william Tupper Deputy Sheriff for the County of Lincoln hath Served the write'g put into his hands to Serve on Samuel Jordan Esqr Thomas Milliken & Ivery Hovey Mr John Underwood & Mr Samuel Gardner being Plaintiffs according to my Direction and has made his Returns on the Same accordingly, and I have two oxen & one Cow that was Attached by said Tupper in Doing Said Servis which I ingaged to Keep So that Execution may be Levyed on them Accordingly. And in Case the Said oxen or Cow in part or the Whole Should happen to be the property of Malletia Jordan then in that Case I promis & Ingage to and with Said Tupper to pay all Costs and Dammages that the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln or the Said Tupper or Either of them May Sustain By Said Two oxen and one Cow So Attached & Removed In Witness Where of I have here unto Set my Hand Day and Date above

A True copy Signed by Nathan Jones

Examd per Wm Tupper Saml Jordan

To the Honbl Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Samuel Waters of New Castle in the County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid begs Leave to inform your Honours,—

That some Time in the Year 1776, Application was made to the General Court by the Convention for the County of Lincoln for a Quantity of Powder, Ball & Flints and the same were obtained for said County by Samuel Nickels on his Bond being given to the Commissary General of this State for the Payment of a certain Sum of Money therefor — That when the same arrived in said County they were distributed into divers Towns and Part of the Pay therefor received in Bills of Credit & Notes issued by this State the whole whereof was collected as your Informant heard & veryly believes, before the first Day of December last, but by Reason of the very great Distance of the County of Lincoln from Boston it was not seasonably offerd to the Commissary General who now declines receiving the same without particular Direction from your Honours therefor — tho' by far the greatest Part thereof consists of Continental Bills,—

Your Informant humbly petitions your Honours to pass some Resolve of the general Court directing the said Commissary to receive the same on Account of said Bond any Law of this State to the Conterary notwithstanding and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Boston 5 Feby 1778 Samuel Waters

In the House of Representatives Mar 2 1778

Ordered that Mr Tucker be of the Committee on the Petition of Silvanus Scott. in the room of Mr Wyman absent —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Mar 2 1778

Read & Concurred Saml Adams Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 3rd 1778

Upon the Petition of Benjamin Furnass setting forth that by

the Permission of this Court, had proceeded to Nova Scotia in the Schooner Two Brothers Joseph Williams Master to bring up Effects belonging to Ebenezer Thayer but that said Schooner proving leaky and Captain Williams absent, he was obliged to take another Vessell and Master to return with said Thayers' Effects, and that upon his passage up, putting into Casco Bay — the Vessell & Cargo is Seized by George Dike Commander of the Fort there as not being under the Permission granted by this Court and therefore praying this Court to Order that said Vessell and Cargo be released to him.—

Resolved that the prayer of said Petition be so far granted as that the Vessell and Cargo set forth by the Petitioner to be under the Custody of Mr George Dike Commander of the Fort at Casco Bay, be immediately released & permitted to proceed up to Boston — Whereupon her Arrival Report is Ordered immediately to be made by the Commander of said Vessell to the Board of War (under whose direction said Furnass proceeded to Nova Scotia in the Schooner Two Brothers) and said Board are directed to make needful Inquiry whether the Conditions in the Permission granted by a Resolve of this Court the 30th of September last to Ebenezer Thayer and said Furnass have been properly complied with —

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council March 3d 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to by the Major part of the Council

A true Copy Attest John Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay March 4h 1778

To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled —

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of a Place called Raymond Town in the County of Cumberland beg leave to Represent to your Honours the Circumstances of the few Inhabitants of s^d^ Place.

1^s^ their are about Twenty Families in the Place and they are as Poor as Can well be Immagined Mostly without Shoes & hardly any Clothes & but lately moved there in Order to make Settlement for a future Livelihood upon the Encouragement of the Proprietors to give them Deeds of Some Land When they Shall have Compleated the Settlements as required by the Act Granting Said Township —

2^d^ Said Township lays on the Northeast Side of Sebago Pond adjoining to no other Township but Otisfield on the North West and adjoines not upon Windham or New Boston by a Considerable distance a large Tract of Land belonging to this State lying between them —

3dly Notwithstanding the Assessors of Windham took it in their Heads to rate the Inhabitants of S^d^ Raymond Town for the 1776 and for the year 1777 tho the said Inhabitants have not paid said Rate for 1776 neither are they able to Pay it or for the year 1777

4th Your Petitioners humbly conceive that the Said assessors Mistook the Meaning of the Tax Act for the year 1776 as Your Petitioners apprehend that Act did not Mean that any Part of the Sum laid Upon the Town of Windham for that Year Should be Paid by any Other Persons but those Who lived in Said Windham Especially by the People of Any Other Place not adjoining Said Town and that the Clause in Said Act Impowering the Assessors to rate the Estates lying in Places adjacent must mean Such Estates in those Adjacent Places which belong to some of the Inhabitants of the Towns taxed by Said Acts Otherwise Such Towns Would not Pay their Proportion of the State Tax Set on Such Towns to Pay

5th Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that this Honble Court Would take the Premises into their mature Consideration and give orders to the said Assessors to Abate the Rates they laid upon the Inhabitants of Said Raymond Town for ye year 1776 and for the year 1777 and not Rate them Again till further orders of the Genl Court or however Otherwise Releve your Petitioners as your Honours may think fit—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Joseph Dingley	James Jordan	John Davis
Samuel Jordan	Jeremiah Jordan	Roger Jordan
Gideon Davis	Bengaman Clark	Dominicus Jordan
Samuel deney	Jonathan Simonton	Peter Staple

Machias March 8th 1778

To the Honoroble Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Masstt Bay, in general Court assembled, Humbly sheweth,—

that the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln are almost without ammonition, by Reason of thear being coulled to Machias Several Times the Last Summer thear Did attack the Enemy, which Did grately wast thear ammonition: altho all Possible Care was Taken by the officers of the Militia that no wast should be maid.—

We your Protitioners also beg Leave to acquant your Honours that thear is wanting in sd Regiment by the Return maid by the several Captts one hundred and Eighty Seven fire arms,—being in this Defenceless Situation and apprehensive that the Enemy will attack us Early this Spring.—

We your Protitioners Pray in behalf of our Selves and the good men under our Command: that your Honours would grant us a supply of arms and ammonition; so that Every man may be able to Defend himself: and help Defend that

Valuable Part of this state; the Eastern End of the county of Lincoln, and as in Duty bound your Protitioners will Ever Pray

Benj^a Foster
Jonas Farnsworth

To the Honble Council and the Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled for the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of Silvanus Scott of Machias Humbly shews

That in the Month of August last Viz. on the Fourteenth day of said Month The Cherry came to Machias and burnt plundered and other ways destroyed a number of Dwelling Houses other Buildings &c & among them was the Dwelling House Barn major part of Household Furniture, Husbandry Implements & Carpenters Tools belonging to your petitioner That his Family consist^g of a Wife & Ten Children are thrown into the utmost distress thereby, that he is destitute of Money & unable to afford them any assistance at present, he has already preferred a petition to your Honours praying that his losses might be made up to him, which petition was laid aside, he would now intreat of your Honours to grant him such a sum of Money as in your Wisdom shall be judged sufficient to Remove his Family from Machias to some part of this State where they shall be more secure from the ravages of the Enemy & he as in duty bound will pray

March 7, 1778 — Silvanus Scott

Petition of James Noble Shannon & Jonas Farnsworth.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.—

The Petition of James Noble Shannon and Jonas Farns-

worth in behalf of themselves and others, Captors of the two Sloops, Called the Polly and Unity. Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners and others, on the eleventh day of June A D 1775, did in the Harbour of Machias within thirty Leagues of the Shore, attack and take the said two Sloops, one of them about Eighty and the other about Ninety Tons burthen, together with their Cargoes and appurtenances, and on the same day brought the said Captures into Machias aforesaid: which Sloops were at the time of the Capture thereof in the Service of the Enemy and had been carrying supplies to the British Fleet and Army, employed against America. For which causes of Capture, the Captors caused the said Sloops, Cargoes and appurtenances to be duly libelled on the twenty ninth day of July 1776 in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District in said State. The time and place of Trial having been duly notified, and the Claims of Ichabod Jones and Daniel Holt to the said Sloops and Cargoes filed, on the thirteenth day of September last; the Libels and Claims aforesaid were committed to a Jury duly returned, impannelled and sworn to try the same; When the Depositions taken on the part of the Libellants, for want of a proper Caption were rejected by the Court, and they then having no other Evidence to support the Libels, the Jury found in both cases against the Libellants, and Judgment was rendered accordingly; from which, the Libellants appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at York for the County of York on the fourth Tuesday of June A D. 1777. When and where the appellants entered their appeals, in hopes of having a fair tryal there, upon the merits; but when said cases were called for trial, the Superior Court determined that no appeal in either, said to them, and therefore dismissed them both — By means whereof the Captors have been and are totally deprived of the benefit of a trial on said Libels. Wherefore your petitioners humbly

pray, that Your Honors by Act or Resolve, would enable the Apellants to prosecute their appeals with Effect, at the first Superior Court that shall be held in said District. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

J. Noble Shannon

Boston March 7th 1778. Jonas Farnsworth

Mar 9. 78 W Sumner M Prentice Capt Jenkins

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of William Bell in behalf of his Brother Robert Bell of Passimaquody Humbly Sheweth

That his said Brother Robert Bell was taken by order of the Com^tee of Correspondence &c of Boston as a person Inimical to these States, and is Committed to Goal. And as your pet^r is Conscious of his Brothers Innocence, he is desirous with your Honors leave that he may be allowed Bail for his appearance to answer to any Charges that may be alledged against him —

Your pet^r therefore humblys prays your Honors would be pleased to give orders that he may be Liberated from his Confinement upon his given Bail that he shall be forth coming to answer any Complaints that may be brought against him, or that he may have an immediate trial.—

And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Boston March 7, 1778. William Bell

In Council March 7, 1778

Read & Ordered that Richard Derby and Jn° Taylor Esqr be a Committee to enquire into the Facts mentioned in this Petition & report what is best to be done thereon

Jn° Avery D^y Secy

Petition of Jabez West & Reuben Dyer.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Mass^{tt} Bay in the General Court assembled.— Humbly Sheweth —

That we your Protitioners beg leave to acquant your Honours: that we was Commitioned officers under the Command of Major Stillman of Machias the Last Summer Past, and thear is a number of Rations Due to your Protitioners: as we can make appear to your Honours.—

Thearfore your Protitioners Humbly Pray that we may have our Rations that is Due to us in Provitions: as we are inhabitants of Machious and the Places ajacent, and are in much want of the same,—

and Likewise your Protitioners beg Leave to acquant your Honours that we was at a Very Considerable Expence in Raising of men: and as yet Never have had any Recompence for it.— Humbly Pray your Honours would alow such Pay as in your wisdom you shall see fitt,— and as in Duty bound your Protitioners will ever Pray.

Jabez West
Boston March 8th 1778 Reuben Dyer

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 9. 1778

Resolved that the Treasurer of this State be and hereby is Directed to Receive of Jonathan Lowder Truck Master of the Penobscut Indians Four hundred pounds which sum when paid said Lowder shall have Credit for upon the final Settlement of his Accounts

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Speaker

In Council March 9, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell Caleb Cushing Moses Gill

I Palmer	Jabez Fisher	Tim° Danielson
Benj Austin	John Taylor	N Cushing
A Fuller	D Sewall	B White
Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott	John Whitcomb

Resolve directing the Treasurer to receive of Jon^a Lowder £400 late Truck master to the Indians at Penobscot March 9, 1777.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber March 9, 1778

Ordered that Robert Bell of Passimiquody in the Province of Nova Scotia now confined in the Goal in Boston in the County of Suffolk be and he hereby is liberated upon his giving Bond for the sum of £500 to the Treasurer of this State with two sufficient Sureties in the sum of £250 each that he shall be forth Coming to answer to any Complaints that may be bro't against him before any Court that may Call for him within Six months from this Time and that he will not directly or indirectly Correspond with any Person or Persons inimical to this or any of the united States of America (knowing them to be such)— And the Sheriff of said County is hereby Ordered & directed upon the Said Robt. Bell's giving sufficient Bonds as aforesaid to liberate him from his present confinement in Said Goal —

read & Accepted Jn° Avery D^y Secy —

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 9, 1778

Whereas by a Resolve of this Court of the 20th June last the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Gorham in the County of Cumberland were ordered to cause a

number of Persons to be apprehended & brought to Justice for entering into the Dwelling House of one of the s^d^ Committee & carrying from thence a quantity of goods which were orderd by this Court to remain in the hands of said Committee

And in consequence of said Resolve a prosecution is now pending in the court of general Sessions for said County — And whereas it has been represented to this Court that the Persons prosecuted are desirous of settling the matter with said committee

Resolved Therefore That the said Committee **A** be & hereby are impowered in behalf of this State to make such Terms with the said Persons in respect to the said Prosecution as they shall judge proper — And on such settlement The said Court of general Sessions shall cause a nolle prosequi to be entered thereon **B**

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council March 10, 1778

Read & Concurred with the annexed Amendment from **A** to **B** —

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^y^ Sec^y^

In the House of Representatives March 10, 1778

Read & Concurred

Consented to —

Jer Powell	N Cushing	Benj Austin
Caleb Cushing	Moses Gill	A Fuller
Tim^o^ Danielson	B White	Jabez Fisher
J Cushing	Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott
J Palmer	D Hopkins	John Whitcomb

dele from **A** to **B** & Insert

Resolved Therefore that the said Committee or the major part of them with the Consent of the agent, or Agents of

the Estate or Estates of the Absentees to whom the said goods Originally Belonged (where any agents have been appointed and reside within the County of Cumberland) Be and hereby are authorized and impowered to make such Terms with the said Persons, with Respect to the said Prosecution as they shall judge Equitable,— and upon such Settlements being made & certified to the said Court of general Sessions of the Peace, under the said Committees Hand — The said Court be and hereby are impowered to cause the said Prosecution to surcease and be discontinued, and the said Committee in case such Composition shall be made, are directed to pay & deliver over whatever they may Receive on such composition, to the agent, where there is any appointed, and where there are none to the Treasurer of this State —

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled.

The Petition of Joseph Chadwick Survey^r, Humbly Sheweth That in pursuance to Orders from a Committe of this Court in the month of Jany last he has protracted a Plan of the Inland ports of the Country, which lies from Penobscot to Quebec. His Labor time & Expence in Accomplishing the said Plan he Values at the Sum of fourty pounds which sum the said Joseph Humbly prays may be Allowed him by an Order of this honourable Court

& your petitioner as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c

Joseph Chadwick

Cambridge March 10th 1778

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, the Petition of George Stillman,

in behalf of Himself the Committee of Machias & Captain Stephen Smith Commissary at Machias Humbly Sheweth.

That Whereas your Petitioner hath a Power of attorney from the Committee of Machias to Transact business for that Settlement, & to Settle the St Johns Expedition & their accompts of Supplys to the Commissary Store, likewise one from Captain Stephen Smith, to Settle his Commissary & Muster Masters accompts as also an accompt of Contingences for the Service During your Petitioners Command at Machias, all Which accompts, your Memorialist begs leave, to lay before your Honours, praying your honors to take the Matter into your Wise Consideration, and Point out some Method, Whereby the Said accompts May Be Settled, & your Petitioners as in Duty Bound &c

George Stillman

Boston March 11th 1778

Calculation for Sundrys Necessary for the Troops to be sent to Machias,— for 6 months

Rations for 300 Men for 6 months 81,000 lb of Beef, 54,000 lb Flour & Bread 365 Bushels Peas 3,900 lb Rice 618 lb Soap 50 lb Candles 18,000 Muskett Cartridges 2,000 Flints,

Resolve on the Petition of the Committee of Machias & several Letters of Col^{o} Allan respecting wanting one hundred Men for the Department of S^{d} Machias & giving an Estimate of Supplies for the Commissary and Truck Master — March 11′ 1778

An Act for Incorporating the Plantation Called Coxhall, in the County of York, into a Town by the name of Coxhall.

Whereas the inhabitants of the plantation called Coxhall, in the County of York, have represented to this Court, that

the erecting said plantation into a town will greatly contribute to its settlement, and remedy many difficulties and inconveniences they now labour under; therefore,—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

[Sect 1.] That the said plantation, bounded as follows; viz., beginning on the west of Mousom River, a little below the great falls there, at a pitch-pine stump; from thence, crossing said river on a north-easterly point of compass, and running, by the towns of Wells and Arundel [1], six miles (viz., until it comes within four miles of Saco River), to an Oak Island, so called; thence, from said Arundel line, on a north-westerly course, continuing at the distance of four miles from said Saco River and parallel thereto, back into the country, six miles and an hundred and twenty rods, to a hemlock-tree marked on four sides, about forty rods to the northward of a pond called Swan Pond; from thence, across said pond, excluding about two-thirds thereof, on a south-west course, six miles to a red-oak tree mark'd on four sides; and thence, on a south-east course, to the bounds and pine stump, by said Mousom River, first mentioned; including therein about twenty-three thousand and forty acres,—be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Coxhall; and the inhabitants are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of other towns in this state enjoy.

And be it further enacted,

[Sect. 2.] That the Honorabble Benjamin Chadbourne, Esqr, be, and he hereby is, impowered to issue a warrant to some principal inhabitant of said plantation, requiring him to call a meeting of said inhabitants, qualified as the inhabitants of other towns ought to be to vote in town affairs, in order to choose such officers as, by law, towns are impowered to choose in the month of March, annually. [Passed March 11, 1778.]

In the House of Representatives March 12th 1778

On the Petition of James Noble Shannon and Jonas Farnsworth praying for liberty to enter and prosecute an appeal from Two Judgments in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District, given in favor of Ichabod Jones and Daniel Holt the Claimants to the Two Sloops mentioned in said Petition.

Resolved that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the said James Noble Shannon and the said Jonas Farnsworth be and they hereby are impowered to enter and prosecute their Appeals from the said Maritime Court respectively, at the next Superior Court for the County of York, and the Judges of the said Superior Court are Authorised and directed to hear Adjudge, and determine upon said appeals respectively, in the same Manner and by the same Rules they are now by a Law of this State impowered to do in Maritime Causes Provided the said Shannon and Farnsworth serve the said Ichabod Jones and Daniel Holt with an Attested Copy of said Petition and this Order thereon twenty days at least before the sitting of said Superior Court

Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council March 13′ 1778

Read & Concurred Jn° Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	J Cushing	A Fuller
Tim° Danielson	R Derby	N Cushing
Benj Austin	A Gardner	Josiah Stone
Moses Gill	Oliver Prescott	John Taylor
John Whitcomb	I Palmer	D Hopkins

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Hon[l] Council and Hon[l] House of Representatives of said State in General Court Assembled at Boston the 12 day of March Anno Domini 1778 —

The Petition of Andrew Gilman of Penobscot in the County of Lincoln in said State —

Humbly Sheweth that Your Petitioner Left his home in Canada, together with all his Effects, which are in the hands of the Enemy. That Your Petitioner to Serve the Cause of his Country by the desire of Captain John Lake, who was Impower'd by the Honor^{ble} Congress of this State in May 1775, to treat with the Indians of the several Tribes about Canada together with the Eastern Tribes.

That Your Petitioner was with Said Indians Upwards of Twelve Years, before, and from the Acquaintance he had with them, Induced, Captn Lane to Use his Influence with said Indians to Joyn General Washington, and not take up the Hatchet against the Americans

That Your Petitioner Engaged a Number Of them to go & treat wth General Washington, Upon Condition Your Petitioner would accompany them, for Which the Honorable Court allowed him four pounds ꝑ month & Three shillings p^{r} day for his Expences, Since which he has been Commission'd to the Care of A Company at Penobscot, & Called of the other Services, and allowed but four Pounds ꝑ Month up to the 22^{d} Jan^{ry} Last, & dismiss'd, that Your Petitioner has been at Considerable Expence in Treating said Indians for to Engage their favours. Your Petitioner prays your Honors would take his Case into Your Wise Consideration for his Past Extraordinary Services, & Confirm him in his former Employment, As he Can't Return to Canada at this time, and as the Indians Can't do any Business with us without an Interpretor and Your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c --

Andrew Gilman

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

The Memorial of George Deake of Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland a Serjeant and Commander of a Guard in the Service of Said State Stationed at the Fort in Said Cape Elizabeth, Humbly Sheweth that on the Twenty second Day of February last He Boarded a Schooner of about Sixty Tuns that Came to Anchor in Portland Sound, the Master one Thomas Lowden Said the Schooner was from Mechias, and belonged there he (the Said Deake) Demanded the papers, the Master said he had None (Haveing some Former knowledge of the Master that He Belonged to Novascotia and had been in an Armed Sloop for Several Months past that he last fall Faught a Gallant Battle for an Hour & twenty minutes with a Privateer Belonging to this State) he Thought Best to Bring her to anchor under the Guns of Said Fort and keep a Guard on Board her, after which one Mr Furnace Shew a permit from the Board of War for one Joseph Williams to go to Novascotia in a Small Schooner of about Twenty Tuns with three men and to Return in the Same Vessel, & it Not being the Vessel Nor one Man mentioned in the permit in her, and knowing one Miller Jonson of Novascotia had allredy brought a Small Vessel into this State with (as he Said the same affects intended by Said permit and after obtaining her papers viz a Register & Clearance From the port of Hallifax, Invoice of her Cargo which appeared to be partly of Goods Prohibited by Congress viz British Manifactorys and letters to Gentlemen in this State Desireing them that if the Said Schooner Should be taken & Brot into any part of the Contenant to Claim her and Describing the Vessel and Cargo so Exactly that they might lay in their Claim, he shew the Papers to a Number of Respectable Gentlemen of the Commitee of Falmouth and

had the men Examined they then said She was lawfull prize & that they Rise on the master & Brot: her into port to libel her themselves & the master being Examined of that affair knew Nothing of it, all which made them appear full of Falsity & Fraud, and being advised to File a libel against her in behalf of the state & my Self & Company to prevent their Escape by further fraud He accordingly libel[d] her & filed all the papers & letters in the Judges Office, all which hath Given Your memorialist much Trouble & Great Expence wherefore think it Duty to lay the State of facts before this Honourable House for Your Consideration and Pray Your Honours will Direct as in Wisdom Shall think Just

George Deake

In the House of Representatives March 12, 1778
Read & committed to the Board of War
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council March 12′ 1778
Read & Concurred Jn° Avery D^y Secy
Consented to

Jer Powell	Caleb Cushing	T Cushing
John Whitcomb	Moses Gill	I Palmer
H Gardner	D Hopkins	N Cushing
Josiah Stone	A Fuller	Benj Austin
John Taylor	Oliver Prescott	Tim° Danielson

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.—

The Memorial of James Avery In Behalf of Colo[l] John Allan Continental Agent for Indians Eastern Department,—Humbly Sheweth, that while Col° Allan has had the care of the St Johns & Other Indians, He has often Been obliged to borrow (on his own Credit) Large Sums of Money to Enable

him to Discharge their Necessary Expenses, and As it has often Times been Attended with much Difficulty & Delay in his Business,— your Memorialist Humbly Prays that Your Honours would be pleased to Grant him such a Sum of Money on Colo[l] Allans Account as in your Wisdom you may think Necessary to Enable him to Discharge the Expences of the ensuing season,—

Your Memorialist would Likewise, Inform your Honours that he is Appointed by said Allan to Settle the Accounts of the Expenses Attending the Indians the Past Summer & as your Memorialist is not Inform'd wheather the Honble Court has any Directions from Congress to Settle with said Allan, & as the Honble House of Representatives is about to Adjourn, & said Allan in Great want of the Money therefore your Memorialist Humbly Prays your Honours would Authorise the Honble Council (in the Recess of the House of Representatives to Grant said Allan such a Sum of money as may appear Due to him by the Accounts & the Honble Board may think most Expedient, Till the Accounts Can be Settled by Congress,— and your Memorialist as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Boston 13th March 1778. Ja[s] Avery.

Petition of Jonas Farnsworth.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of Mass[tts] Bay in General Court: assembled: Humbly sheweth —

That Jonas Farnsworth Adj[t] of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln: was Caulled upon to Do Duty at Machias this Last Summer Past: as well as the field & staff officers:— as by Rolls sett forth and Passed,— Likewise Cap[t] Joseph Sevey: Cap[t] Stephen Smith: Cap[t] Samuel Lib-

bee: Capt John Hall: Lew^{ta} William Nicholas: and Lew^{ta} Joel Whitney: and Capt Henry Dyer with thear Respective Companys under thear Command as is Sett forth by the Rolls Passed by your Honours,— being obliged to attend at Every alarm: was almost totally hindred from Doing any thing for them Selves; or Raising scarcely any Provition for the Suport of thear Respective Families —

Thearfore your Protitioners Humbly Prays that your Honours would take this matter in to your consideration and give the officers and soldiers that belong to the afoarsaid, Rolls: such additional Pay as other Companys of the Militia has ben alowed, as the Established Pay will not Purchis but Littel,

also your Protitioner Prays that the additional Pay may be Paid out of the States Store.— in such articals of Provition & Cloathing as is wanted for thear Releaf.—

Likewise your Protitioner begs Leave to acquant your Honours;— that Capt Samuel Libbee and his Company found them selves whilest on Duty 126 Days Rations.—
also Capt Henry Dyer and men — 44 Days Rations.—
also Capt John Hall and men 76 Days Rations.—
and Lieut^{a} William Nicholas and Company 149 Days Rations: all which your Protitioner Prays may be Replaced in Provition as theay are in grate Nessessity for the same.—

also your Protitioner beg Leave to acquant your Honours that Coll. Campbell of the afore s^{d} Regiment: Lay^{d} before your Honours. a Staff Roll whearin Co^{ll} Foster was maid up 41 Days Service and Drew his Pay, but Did not Draw his Rations: Likewise a Roll of Capt Joseph Sevey: also a Roll of Capt Joseph Libby boath of Machias, which Did Duty thear when the ship ambuscade Viseted us: and your Honours Pay^{d} nothing more then the Established Pay which is but a Small Recompence for thear Time: in that Valuable Part of the year.—

your Protitioner prays that your Honours would allow an additional Pay to Capt Joseph Sevey & Capt Joseph Libby and the good men under thear Command then: and also alow them thear Rations with the Rations Due to Co^{ll} Foster, out of the State Store, as theay was obliged to find themselves at that Time, and Never as yet had any alowanee for it, and are now under the gratest Nessessity for the same.

also Prays that your Honours will alow the Several accounts hearwith Presented.—

and as in Duty bound your Protitioner will Ever Pray —

Jonas Farnsworth

Boston February 27th 1778

In the House of Representatives March 13, 1778
Read & referrd to the Committee
Sent up for Concurrence J Warren Spkr

In Council Mar. 13 1778
Read & Concurrd Saml Adams Sec^{y}

Mar. 13. Ord. to be till next session

Complaint of Nathl Thwing

State of Massachusetts Bay in New England

To the Honble the Supreme Court of Probate, &c, for the said State.—

Humbly complains in behalf of the Government & People of the Massachusetts Bay, aforesaid, Nathaniel Thwing of Woolwich in County of Lincoln Esqr Agent to the Estate of Charles Callehan late of Pownalborough, Gent^{n} an Absentee, That the greater part of the Personal Estate, which was left by the s^{d} Charles, had been secreted, embezeled or conveyed away, & that your complainant had just reason, to suspect & did suspect that Rebecca Callehan wife of the s^{d} Charles, had

secreted, embezled or conveyed away the same, Whereupon agreeable to the Law of this State in such Case provided, your Complainant enter'd his Complaint to the Judge of Probate of Wills, &c for the said County of Lincoln, who cited the said Rebeckah to Appear before him at a Court of Probate to be holden at the Court house in Pownalbor°, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of December last to be interrogated upon Oath concerning the same, & the said Rebeckah having refus'd to be sworn, and interrogated upon Oath in the Premises, The said Judge order'd that the s^d^ Rebeckah be committed to the Common Goal of the s^d^ County of Lincoln, there to remain untill she should Comply to Discharge herself on Oath in the Premises, or be otherwise legally discharged, Whereupon the said Rebeckah claimed an Appeal to the supreme Court of Probate for this State, & Enter'd into Recognizance with Sureties as the Law Directs for Prosecuting her said Appeal with Effect. And the said Rebeckah having Neglected to prosecute her s^d^ Appeal within three months, which by Law she ought to have done, Your Complainant therefore humbly Prays that your Honors would pass such Orders in the Premises, as to Law and Justice Appertains, and as in Duty bound &c

Nathl Thwing

York March 17th 1778 Then Capt Joshua Bragdon personally appeared & made Oath that since the first day of August last & before the first day of January last he manufactured in this State Fifty Bushels of good Salt & that he Sold the same to Inhabitants of this State at the Regulated price the said Salt being made out of Sea Water — Before Nathl Wells Just Peace In Council April 17' 1778 Read & Ordered That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £7: 10/ in full Discharge of the Bounty allowed by this State on Salt —

Jn° Avery D^y^ Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber, March 20′ 1778

Ordered that Stephen Smith Esqr Truck Master at Machias be and hereby is directed to send by the first safe Conveyance all the Furrs and Peltry that he has now on Hand to Boston, directed to Richard Devons Esqr, Commissary General of the State aforesaid who is hereby directed to receive the same

read & Accepted Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Mrss Moses Davis Esqr & Other Committes for Pownalboro Woolwich and Edgcomb To Timothy Parsons Dr June 26

for 6 : 020 ^{tt} w^{t} of Bread @ 6 0/	18. 0. 0
for 672 lb of Fatt Beef @ 17 8	19. 12—
for 24 Gallons of Wes^{t} inga Rum @ 20 p	24 — —
	£61. 12. 0

Pownalboro March 23rd 1778

Erors Excep^{d} Timo^{y} Parsons

Inlistment & Beating Orders for 100 Men to be Stationed at Machias for the Defence thereof — to Major Stillman — March 21′ 1778

We the subscribers do hereby Severally inlist into the Service of the United States of America to continue in that service for the Defence of Machias till the first Day of Decem^{r} next unless sooner discharged, and each of us engage to furnish our selves with a good effective fire arm Bayonet Cartridge Box Knapsack Blanket and Canteen wooden bottle and we consent to be formed, and bee under the Command of such Officers as the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts may appoint and we promise faithfully to Observe

and Obey all such Orders as we from time to time shall receive from our Officers. And to be under such regulations in every respect as are or may be provided for the army of the aforesaid States Dated this Day of A D 1778

Pownalboro March 24th 1778

This may certify all whom it may concern that upon the 24th of June 1777 I was desired by the Committee of the town of Pownalboro to keep an account of the provisions deliverd to the Militia Men assembled & I then saw deliverd to the several persons who brought the victualing returns — 290 lb of beef — 175 lb of bread & 17 Gall of Rum — as appears by the account then kept ——— Langdon

To the Honourable the Council & the Honourable house of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of a Joint Committee of Pownalborough, Woolwich & Edgcumbe Humbly Sheweth that Last year in the month of June we were alarm'd by the Milford Frigate and great numbers of the Militia Turn'd out to Defend themselves, and their Country and Shew a Noble Spirit of Resentment against the atempts of the Enemy and Stood ready to assist in any measure that should be thought Proper to proceed in or upon to beat the Enemy out of the River or if any Landed to take them prisoners if possible, but at the same time they were not able to furnish themselves with provision for their Support while on the Duty of Alarm and at that time provision of almost every Kind was very scarce in these parts insomuch that the inhabitants could not get support for themselves by Reason of the Coasting business being Stop'd and all other Business Stagnated, and had no way been found out to get Support for the Militia they must of Consequence

have Retir'd to their Respective homes, or perish'd in the Field and then the Enemy might have Destroyd us at their pleasure your petitioners understanding that there was provision belonging to the State in the County about ten miles Distance from them and that the Said provision was under the Care of Mr Timothy Parsons Agent for the State Your petitioners therefore applyd to the said Parsons for Provision Sufficient to Supply S^{d} Militia and accordingly Mr Parsons Supply'd us with a Quantity of Provision for that purpose as will appear by his Accounts, and the Vouchers which accompanys this petition your Petitioners would further inform your Honours that Mr Parsons has Since Settled with the Board of War and paid them for the above provision — and now he calls upon your Petitioners for his pay & makes Demand thereof

Therefore your humble petitioners pray that your Honours would take the Matter into your wise Consideration and as the provision was then the States property we humbly pray that the Account Renderd in by Mr Parsons may be allowd and that a Sum of Money Equal to it may be allowd & paid out of the publick Treasury to Moses Davis Esqr who we have appointed to Receive & pay Said Money if allow^{d} to Mr Parsons, and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray —

Edgcumbe March 25 1778

Moses Davis Chairman

Signed by Order and in behalf of the Committes abovesaid — J

An account of Provision deliverd out in time of the Alarm Occasioned by the Milford frigate At Edgcumbe June 24th 1777 —

[Here follows a list of articles.]

This may Certify that by the Desire of the Field Officers

I Dealt out the provision to the above named persons who Victualed the Militia — before the provision belonging to the State came to hand, and were promisd their pay (out of the above provision after the Committes had Sent after it) by the field Officers, and after this was Deliverd out there was no Beef Left but there was about half a Bag of Bread (as the Bread was all in Bags) left or about fifty w^{t} but it was Chiefly the Remnants of the other Bags Emtied into that and was very much Broaken and but a Little of it fit for Use — and upon the Alarm which happened soon after by the Rainbow man of War, the Remainder of the said Bread that was good I Deliverd out to the Militia upon their Request as many of them came from far and brought no provision with them

Moses Davis Major of the 3^{d} Reg^{t}

Edgcumbe March 25 1778

Edgcumbe March 25 1778

To the Honourable John Taylor Esqr —

Sir, I beg Leave to Trouble you with a few lines of a public Nature and humbly beg your attention on this affair as I shall hereafter relate on the 24th of June 1777 we were alarmd by the Milford frigate which came up the River and Lay at anchor in Withcaset Bay Two Days and in Consequence of this alarm the Militia turnd out and were embodied near where the Said frigate Lay at Anchor, Ready to Execute Orders which might be given from their Officers on this Occasion — but at this time provision was very scarce here in these parts insomuch that the Inhabitants could not Support the Militia, therefore the Committes of the Severall Adjacent Towns imbodied in a joint Committe to Consult what was best to be Done, and understanding that there was provision belonging to the State, in a Brigg Leying in Dama-

rascotte River & that Mr Timothy Parsons had the Care of it, and was Agent for the State, the Committe applyd to Mr Parsons for provision to Support the Militia while on the Alarm and accordingly Mr Parsons as he saith deliverd 600 w^{t} of Bread & 672 w^{t} of Beef and 24 Gallons of Rum this provision was Seperated one half on the East Side of the River and the other half on the West Side of the River as the Number of Militia was about Equal of Either Side and the Militia being some of them one whole Day without any Victuals to Support Nature were very hungry and every one at Such a time cannot be kept in order — and hunger will break through stone wall, therefore the provision immediately upon Sight was Broak upon before there was any body to take any account of it the Committe not being present at that Juncture of time — and many thought that it might be taken without account as it was States property — but with as much speed as possible there was men appointed to take account of and Deliver out Said provision to the Officers and Soldiers of said Militia but the Accounts kept does not make out so much as Mr Parsons has Charged the Committes with but the Reason is as I before mentioned there was Considerable taken away without any account and there was no help for it at that time of hurry and Difficulty and altho there is not so an authentick and particular account of it as I could wish there was — yet as it was Certainly Used and Expended for the Sole Benefit of the Militia it would be very hard for the Committee to pay for it or any part of it without their Receiving any Benefit by it after they have had all the Trouble of procureing of it and have no manner of Allowance for their Trouble but I Submit the whole to your Honour and the other Gentlemen of Courts — wise consideration and Beg Sir that you would use your Influance in Carrying this affair through the Court I am Very Loth to Trouble your Honour with such an Affair but Necessity drives me to it as

we have no Representative, nor is there any in the County that will attend Court this Session and as we are calld upon for the money and a Demand of it to be paid immediately I therefore humbly beg your Honours Assistance in this affair and pray you would Deliver the inclosd petition with the Vouchers to Some Trusty Gentlemen of the house which will get it Committed and acted upon as soon as possible — and if it should pass the house with allowance I beg you would forward it through the Council and get the Matter so Authenticated that I may send for and Receive the money by an Order without being to the Expence of my Personal Attendance at Court I further beg your Honours would Lay this Letter before the Committee which may be appointed to Consider the aforesaid petition that they may have a true understanding of Affair — and as I am appointed by Joint Committe of Pownalborough Woolwich & Edgcumbe to petition to the General Court for allowance of the above provision. I write in their behalf and Renewedly beg your Honours Assistance in this affair which will be Receiv'd as a great favor from your Honours most Obedient and Humble Sev^t Moses Davis

To the Honorable John Bradbury Esqr

York Ss Whereas we the Subscribers Being Authorized and Impowered By the Honorb^le John Bradbury Esqr Judge of the Probate of Wills &c Within and for the County of York by a Warrent Bearing Date the Second Day of October 1777 to take an Inventory and to Apprize in Lawfull Money all the Estate Whereof Ebenezar Wallingford Late of Somersworth in the State of Newhampshire Gen^t Deceased Testate Died, Seized of in the Aforesaid County of York We Have Taken an Inventory and Have Apprized the above Mentioned Estate as Follows Viz Ninety Seven Acres of Land Near

Stair falls in Berwick and is Known by the Name of Lot Number one in the first Range in the Division of Berwick Proprietors Common Land at Seven Shillings p̄ Acre £33–19–0

also thirty Seven Acres of Land in Said Berwick Commons Known by the Name of Lot Number one in the Sixth Range at five Shillings p̄ Acre £9–5–0

also Twenty five acres of Land in Berwick and is Known by the Name of Lot Number thirty five in the Third Cheeker in the Division of Kittery Proprietors Common Land in Said Berwick at twenty shilling per Acre £25–0–0

And also the Testates Wright in a thatch bed in berwick and is Known by the Name of Fowling Marsh be the Same More or Less at £20–0–0

£88–4–0

Berwick March ye 27th 1778

Joseph Prime
Robert Rogers } Committee
John Tucker

Berwick March 31 1778

Then the above named Joseph Prime Robart Rogers & John Tucker Personally appear^d & Made Oath to the above Inventory before me

Hum^y Chadbourne J Peace

Pownalborough March 30, 1778

Sir

I have had the honor of being appointed a Major in the first Regiment in the County of Lincoln, but my ill State of Health for more than a year past has prevented me discharging the Duties of that Office, either to my own Satisfaction, or to the advantage of the Publick, and my Health still

declining, makes me dispair of being capable to serve my Country in that Character, at least for the present, when perhaps I may be most wanted; Wherefore I beg the Favour of you to communicate this to the Honble Board and Pray they would accept of this my Resignation, that I may no longer hinder some other Gentleman being appointed in my Stead, better Qualified to serve this distressed country, the Good of which I hope ever to prefer to my private Honor or Interest whatever

I am with great Respect & Esteem your very humble Servant John Huse

In Council April 30′ 1778
Read & Sent down Jno Avery D^y^ Sec^y^

To the Sec^y^ of the state of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives April 30, 1778
Read & accepted
Sent up for Concurrence
J Pitts Spkr ꝑ Tem

In Council April 30′, 1778
Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^y^ Secy

To the Hon^bl^ the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled the Petition of the Committe of Inspection Correspondence & Safety for the town of Bristol in the County of Lincoln humbly sheweth that the Scituation of said town Exposes it in a Verry Peculiar manner to be Attacked by the Enemys ships or Boats in almost every part of its Settlements having the Navigable River of Dammascotta on the West Broad Bay on the East and the Ocean on the Southern line and within this Bounds several noted Harbours as Pemmaquid Round Pond Miscongus and Broad Cove and scarce any place is to be found on the Waterside

where there is not good Shelter & Anchorage with Sufficient depth of water for Vessels of Large Burthen that in such Exposure the Inhabitants Cannot live without the greatest Anxieties in a time when we Dayly Expect the Unnatural Enemy on our Coast and in our harbours to plunder us as they were the last year, when we were in great distress the Coast being infested with them our Distress however was greatly Encreased when we saw a Squadron of the British fleet with Avowed Commission to Spread Desolation by fire & Sword — and attacking our Bretheren in Various parts of this County Endangering their lives Demanding & Destroying their propertyes Entering & penetrating up our Rivers into the heart of the Country and threatening to make some harbour this way a Randevouse for their Ships & prizes but the fear of the Inhabitants was Verry great when the Commodore of the Squadron then lying in townsend sent Dawson with an armed Brig in to pemmaquid harbour & Demanding a Privateteer then at anchor there threatening Vengeance in Case of Refusal and this people Are fully persuaded that if the Enemy Effects their purposes of making a lodgement in this Neighbourhood this town must fall one of the first sacrifices to their fury Your Petitioners would further humbly suggest that from a Just sense of our Endangered scituation the wisdom of the legislature saw fit to Station a Company of sea Coast men to guard this town Every year since the war began till the last year and the Effect was that hearing there was an Armed force here not one of the Enemys ships dared to Enter our harbours or Distress any of the Inhabitants in these parts whilst said sea Coast men remained with us the Verry fame of such Provision was found to be a real defence but since a reverse of public measures has thrown open the whole Coast of this County to the will of our foes their Vessels being invited by our Naked & Defenceless state have kept the Inhabitants in almost Continual Alarms Tho

it could never be Expected that in our best Estate we should be able alone to defend ourselves against their force yet it is observed that our ready Compliance with every requisition of the Hon^{bl} Court in Reinforcements & in furnishing more than our Quota of the Continental army Dureing the war has greatly Encreased our Inability & the danger that Ensues on it, Your Petitioners flatter themselves that the forwardness of this town in the publick Cause ought not to operate to their Disadvantage & Confident of the Justice & honour of the General Court will not put that among the reasons for Abandoning us if we should be Abandoned to the mercy of the Common foe Yet we Cannot dout that if this must be our Deplorable Case if some Effectual provision for our Defence is not made by Government without Delay Impresed therefore with a sense of our Duty to the publick & to the town of Bristol your Petitioners thought it their duty at this Crisis to lay before your Hon^{rs} an Account of our Condition Beseeching you to take our Case into your wise Consideration and grant two twelve pounder Cannon two Nine pound & two Six with Ordinance Stores for them with one Company of Matrosses with what Ever further Relief your Hon^{rs} in your great wisdom shall seem meet & Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

Robt MKown Clerk

By order of the Committe John Read Chairman

Bristol March ye 30th 1778

S^{r}

We the Committee of Correspondence &c. of the Town of Gorham in the County of Cumberland; (in obedience to a Resolve of the General Court of this State of the tenth Instant) have compounded with those persons against whom a suit was commenced by Virtue of a Resolve of s^{d} General

Court of the 20th of June last; and have follow'd the directions given us, so far as was in our power: for the Agent that was appointed to the Estate of Thomas Coulson late of Falmouth an Absentee; did sometime since enter on board the Cumberland & was not expected home till May next: & the Court of General Sessions of the Peace setting this Month, we thought it not advisable to put off settlement till a future day: & because sd Agents return was uncertain, we have also thought fit to send to the State Treasurer what we have receiv'd over & above paying the Captors their Cost and trouble in first taking & securing sd goods: which we presum'd to do by Virtue of a late Resolve of the General Court Granting liberty to the Captors to lay their accounts before sd General Court for allowance and payment.

We remain your Obedient most humble Servants —

Emd Phinney Chairman p Order

Gorham March 30th 1778

To the Honble Speakr of the House Representvs of State Massachusetts Bay

To ———

You are hereby impowered immediately to inlist One hundred men including non commissioned Officers & Privates as Soldiers in the Service for the Defence of Machias upon the Establishment fixed by a Resolve passed the 13′ March 1778 with the additional Bounty given by the State of Massachusetts Bay, to continue in that Service till the sd Day of December next unless sooner discharged and that you cause said Men when so inlisted, to pass muster as soon as may be The Non Commissioned Officers to be appointed by the Captain & Subalterns of said Company

Day of ——— 1778

At a regular Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the town of North Yarmouth free and twenty one Years, called for the purpose of laying before them the Form of Government, drawn up by the late Convention, for this State — for their Consideration and approbation there of — Said Form of Government having been Read, and, Article by Article, particularly debated, a vote was called to know the Minds of the town whether they approve or disapprove of the same — when Sixty four voted their Approbation, and twenty their disapprobation thereof — Certified by Us,

Paul Prince
Saml Merrill } Selectmen of said Town

Return of the War Like Stores Remaining in the Ordinance Store and in the Service at Mechias In the State of Massachusetts Bay April 1st 1778

Sm^{ll} Arms 65. D^{o} Wanting Repair 20. Bayonnetts 70. Cartridge Boxes 44. Muskett Cartridges 80. Barr^{l} Powder 5¼, Boxen Balls 7½. Cannon Cartridges 9 Poun^{drs} 82, 4 Poun^{drs} 6, Swivels 2. Sponges 9 Poun^{ds} 1, 4 Poun^{ds} 2, Swivels 1. Ladles & Worms, 9 Poun^{ds} 1, 4 Poun^{ds} 1. Round Shott 9 Poun^{ds} 47, 4 Poun^{ds} 44, 2 Poun^{ds} 41, Swivels 20. Grape Shott Bag 73. Langerage 86. Cannister Shott 9^{lb} Cases 2, Cannister 7, 4^{lb} Cases 1. Portefires 5. Portefire Staffs 1. Lint Stocks 3. Cartridge Pouches 3.

Mechias Apr^{l} 1st A True & Authorative Return Y^{r} Servt Frd^{k} DeLesdernier Lieut.

State of the Troops & Indians Stationed at Mechias in the State of Massachusetts Bay under the Command of John

Allan Esqr Continental Agent & Comman^{r} & Chief of Eastern Indians.

Capt^{ns} 1. Lieut with the Rank of Capt 3. 1st Lieu^{ts} 1. 2^{d} Lieu^{ts} 1. Commissary 1. Indian Chiefs 2. Conductor 1. Serj^{t} 1. Corporals 1. Privates 133. fifes & Drums 2. Courrier 4. Totall 151.

Mechias April 3rd 1778. A True & Authinck Return
p Lew^{s} Fred^{k} DeLesdernier Lieut.

Falm^{o} 3^{d} Apr. 1778

Dear Brother,

You may remember that some time ago I sent a memorial to the Gen. Court which has not been acted upon. beg you will endeavor to have it taken up this session and at the same time, if proper move for the Naval Officers to have leave to appoint deputys, and be excused from Military duty, been chosen Constables, Jurymen &c &c — would it not be best when any Sea Coast Company Stop Vessels suspected of illegal Trade, for the Naval Officers of the port where any such Vessel is, to libel &c — with tenders of my best services to you and Mrs Freeman, believe me to be, Yr Affec^{t} Bro^{r}

Tho. Child

To the Hon^{bl} Council and house of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay Now Sitting at Roxbury

the petition of Samuel Waterhouse of Wells in the county of York and State aforesaid humbly sheweth — that your petitioner was appointed by the Brigedier of said County to command a company according to the Order of Council of the 12′ of March last, which company was Raised from the interior parts of the County, and have Joyned the Regiment at Winter hill under the command of Col^{o} Jacob Gerrish.

but a great part of said company are deficient in Arms and some are so bad that it is dangerous to the safety of the camp to Remain in such a state. the men are willing to serve their Country but as they are in low Circumstances they have not been Able to furnish themselves according to law Neither were they able to pay their fines when drafted and the Committyes of the plantation could not furnish them. Therefore your petitioner prays that he may be allowed to draw from the publick stores for the use of those men who are deficient in Guns and I will be accountable for the delivery thereof at the second of July Next when the time of our draft will expire and as in duty bound will ever pray

Samuel Waterhouse

Camp at Winter hill April 4th 1778

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Apr^l 6th 1778

On the Petition of Sam^el Waterhouse now commanding a Compn^y of Militia doing duty at Winter Hill praying for a number of Fire arms for the use of his Company

Resolved that the Board of War be and they hereby are ordered & directed to deliver the said Sam^u Waterhouse a number of Fire arms Not Exceeding Forty he the said Waterhouse giving his obligation to Return the said arms in good order to the said Board of War on their order on or before the third day of July Next Except such & so many of said arms as the men for whose use they are wanted shall chuse to purchase which the Board of War are hereby Impowered to sell them at such price as they shall Judg Reasonable and the Court is hereby directed to make such

on his Muster Roll from those men who keep any of said Guns as the price of s^d Guns set at by s^d Board of War and the sum of three shillings for those which may be Returned for the use thereof

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spk^r p Temp

In Council April 6′ 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^y Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	A Ward	R Derby
J Cushing	Moses Gill	Abez Fisher
John Whitcomb	Benj Austin	A Fuller
I Palmer	B White	Tim^o Danielson
John Taylor	Oliver Prescott	D Hopkins

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April ye 9 1778

On the Petition of Jonathan Louder Truck master to the Penobscot tribe of Indians Praying for goods to Supley said Indians with

Resolved that the board be Directed to Supply Jonathan Louder with the following articles for the Supply of the Penobscot Indians, if they have them to Spare to Vz one bale of Blankets one Peas of Bleu Shorud three Peces of Calico one Peece of Lening one of Oznabags one hundred Lb of Powder two hundred Lb of Lead one hundred Lb of Shot two barils N E Rum one Hogshad of Molases one Baril of Pork ten bushils of Beans or peas Knives Sizzers Needels and combs a Small Quantity of Each and it is further

Resolved the said Lowder be Derected to trad with the Indians agreeabel to the Regulation made by John Allen Esq with the Indians and to remit all the furs and skins he

shall Receive of the Indians to the board of war and be acountable to the General Court for the dowings

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spr p Temp

In Council April 9′ 1778

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Benj Austin	Oliver Prescott	A Fuller
D Hopkins	S Holten	Josiah Stone

To The Honbl Council & House of Representatives now assembled at Roxbury, State of Massachusetts Bay.

Anxious for the safety of our country & also to fulfil our engagements to the Continental Congress; viz "That we would support them with our lives & fortunes in case they should declare the thirteen united Colonies, Independent of Great Britain, (General Washington we make no doubt believed the colonies sincere in what they promised, & accepted of the most important & difficult command to support the independence of his country-men; But how that brave man has been supported; or rather neglected & by those very persons who rejoiced at his appointment to command the forces of the United States; is well known & needs no comment,) & in order to justify ourselves to God & the world, by doing every thing in our power to fulfil our engagements, and thereby stimulate other Towns to do the same, have (notwithstanding our being burnt out by the enemy, & complying with every resolve of the Congress, & the General Court of this State respecting our furnishing our quota of men) engaged fifty men Inhabitants of this

Town, to march immediately to reinforce General Washington; provided your Honours will accept of them, and allow them State pay and rations. We would inform your honours that the men are engaged 'till the last day of November next unless sooner discharged; as you will see by the inlistment. We would also inform your Honours that other towns in this country, are in motion, and doubt not they will make up one hundred & fifty able men, including those in this Town. Similar exertions of all the Towns in the United States at this critical juncture we think are necessary: when many persons we have reason to fear are endeavoring to bring us into bondage again, by insinuating; that if we would give up our Independence we might have any terms we pleased to ask.

By order of the Town.
We are your Honors most ob^{t} Serv^{ts}

Wm Frost	Joshua Stone	Moses Shattuck
Pearson Jones	Jesse Partridge	Nathe^{l} Deering
Joseph Ingraham		

Falmouth April 9th 1778

In the House of Representatives April 13, 1778

Read & thereupon Ordered That Mr Baker Coll Peck & Mr Codding with such as the Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same — and also the matter at large — and report what is left to be done thereon

J Warren Spkr

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council April 13, 1778

Read & Concurred and Joseph Palmer & Moses Gill Esqr are joined —

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy
Mr. Baker
Coll Peck
Mr Codding

Roxbury April 10, 1778

To the Hon'ble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Petition of James Avery of Machias Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner was appointed by Col° Allan to wait upon your Honors in Order to obtain a necessary Supply of articles for the Indians under his Command and agreeable to a late Resolution of the General Court, among other Articles, the Board of War was directed to deliver fifty Pounds of Wampum which they had not by them and as the Honble Thos Cushing Eq^r can supply him with that Article upon your Honors Order therefrom prays your Honors would give an Order upon him to be delivered to the Board of War; from whom he can receive the same and this Article can be charged with the other Articles received from them.

And as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Jas Avery

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber April 10, 1778

Ordered that the Honorable Thomas Cushing Esqr be & he hereby is directed to deliver to the Board of War of this State all such Wampum as he now hath in his hands belonging to this State, that they may be Enabled to comply with a late Resolve of the General Court.

read & Accepted

Jn° Avery D^y Secy

Penobscot April 12 1778

Sir I arrived here after a long Passage of three weeks I find the Indians and the Inhabitants of this River in very Distressing Circumstances for want of Corn Mr Preble has borrow'd

all the Corn of the people here that he could git in order to supply the Indians and now he cannot even Replace it againe it is not to be bought he has had no Stors from Jpsurg this Winter there is not Corn enough in this River to Supply the people for three weeks and what the Indians will Do I Cant say Mr Preble & Treet has bought about 40 bushel this Day but what is that amongst so maney I hope you will bring some for the Indians if possable thay think very hard oft that you stay so long and Dont send them aney thing thay Expect to have Every thing when you Come at the price Col^{o} Allen Lett

I Remaine your friend and Humb^{l} Servt

Josiah Brewer

N. B. as to their is no Potaters in this River to plant this year if you Dont bring some for your Self and me we shall have none to plant

P.S. as to matters Respecting other affairs in this River all things Remain very still as some Persons find they have Done their bes^{t} and it turns out very Contrary to their Expectations

150 bush^{l} Indian Corn 2 Teirces Flower

Account of Rations Due to Capt Rubin Dyer & officers in the Staits Service at Mechias from July 3^{d} & to the 9 of octob^{r} 1777

Due to Capt Dyer 160 Rations Due to Left Allin 112 Ditto Due to Left Longfellow 97 Ditto Total 369

Thease may Certifie that I have Deliverd the above officers one Ration each from the first Day of Septr to the Ninth Day of october and No more

p Robert Foster Quarter-Master.

This may Sartify that I have Delivered the above offsers from the first Day of August to the Last of August 15 Rations in the hole.

p̄ Elijah Ayer Quarter-Master.

Boston April 13th 1778

Pleas to pay the above account of 8/ p̄ man and Rations that is Due as p̄ this account to Capt. Jonas Farnsworth

Pr Ruben Dyer

Account of Rations Due to Capt Jabez West and officers in the Staits Servis at Mechias from the 24 day of June 1777 to the 9 day of october

Pr me Jabez West

Due to Capt West 106 Rations Due to Left Scott 127 Ditto Due to Left Allbee 84 Ditto Due Engine Stone 317

These may Certifie that I have Deliver'd the above officers the one Ration each from the first Day of Septr to the 9 Day of october and no more

p̄ me Robert Foster Quarter-Master.

Boston April 13, 1777.

Pleas to Pay the above account to Capt. Jonas Farnsworth and Likewise the Rations.

Jabez West

State of Massachusetts Bay

April 13th 1778

The Comtee of both Houses, this day appointed, to consider the Representation of the Town of Falmouth, respect-

ing the raising Volunteers for reinforceing the Continental Army, beg leave to Report at large.

That it be earnestly recommended to the Several Towns & Plantations in this State, immediately to furnish by voluntary inlistment, for a term of Nine Months unless sooner discharged, as many Men as they can Spare for the Continental Service; to be formed into companies & Regiments under officers of their own choosing, & to Serve under Such General-Officers as the General of the American Forces shall order; to have Continental Pay & Rations, & a Bounty of Twenty Pounds for each & every Private Soldier & Non-Commissioned officer, Provided That they shall inlist as aforesaid on or before the Tenth of May next & every such Town & Plantation, having previously furnished their one Seventh part for the Continental Army, shall have Credit for all Such Volunteers as they shall furnish in manner as aforesaid, so as to be considered in future Levies.

That the conduct of said Town of Falmouth is highly approved for their manly, generous & patriotic behavior in this affair; & that their volunteers be accepted; & that the Gentlemen recommended for Officers, be commissionated by the Council accordingly: & that this conduct in the Town of Falmouth be recommended for general immitation.—

J Palmer p̲ order

In Council April 13, 1778
Read & Sent down —

Jn° Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives April 15, 1778

Read & committed to the Committee to whom was recomitted the Resolve for raising men for the North River &c:

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council April 16, 1778 J Pitts Spk^r p̲ Temp
Read & Concurred

Jn° Avery D^y Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives.

Whereas by a Resolve of the hono^{le} Court of the 3^{d} March last ordering that the Schooner Two Brothers seiz'd at Falmouth by George Deake Commander of the Fort at Casco Bay be released and permitted to proceed to Boston where upon her Arrival Report was to be made by the Commander of said Vessell to the Board of War under whose direction said Ebenez^{r} and Benjamin Furnass proceeded to Nova Scotia in a Schooner also called the Two Brothers and the said Board are directed to make needfull Enquiery whether the Conditions in the permission granted by a Resolve of Court, of the 30 Septem last to s^{d} Thayer & Furnass have been properly complied with. In pursuance of which order the said Schooner hath been removed from Falmouth and is now in the Port of Boston, and the said Commander hath agreeable to said Order made Report thereof to this Board, and the said Deak hath laid before us a number of Papers found on board said Schooner from which it appears, That there are sundry Invoices of Goods, found on Board, which do not express whose property they are, or to whom they are consigned; neither doth any bills of loading appear, expressing at whose risque, or to whom the goods are shipped. Besides the Clearance is for the Bay of Fundy & thence to the West Indies; and the Shipping papers fill'd in like manner. Moreover the Vessell in question is three or four times as large as that Permitted to fetch up the Effects of Ebenez^{r} Thayer & is not Command^{d} by Capt Williams, according to the aforesaid permitt, But by a Capt Thomas Lowden, who is affirmed to be inimical to these states, & to have been in arms, & to have fought against us. In fine there is a Certain Bill of Exchange for 112 £ sterling which appears not to be drawn in the usual form, or negotiable in the usual manner; all

which Taken into consideration, as well as many Dark hints and inuendoes Scattered through the whole of the papers in question, utterly inconsistant with fair dealing, makes us apprehensive that their real design was, under false & feigned papers, to carry on a Contraband trade between our Enemies, the Subjects of Nova Scotia, and the disaffected persons residing in the Eastern part of these states; By which means it might be practicable to supply our Public Enemies, now in arms against us, or others residing in the West India Islands, or in Nova Scotia, with Provisions. —

We therefore are clearly of Opinion & are Confirm'd therein, By the Concurrent advice of the Attor^y Genl, That the said Vessell & Cargo/ which have been already libelled/ be prosecuted in the Court of Admiralty & the matter determin'd according to Law; to the End that the particular circumstances of this transaction may be brought to Light

Sam Phps Savage Prest p̲ order

War Office 13th April 1778.

PS. Wee would also Inform the Hon^le Court, that yesterday Mr Sheriff Greenleaf did in consequence of a Writ given him by William Bant of Boston, seize the said Vessell & Cargo, & bring her to a Wharf in this Town, Causeing her Sails to be unbent & Stored Whereby we apprehend that the said Vessell & Cargo may be unsafe without a guard.

Col^o Jon^a Lowder Dr for Sundrys for Penobscot Indians, Apl 13 1778

[Here follows a list of articles.]

The Petition of Rebecca Callahan.

To the honorable Council & House of Representatives in in General Court assembled at Boston, March ye 7th A D 1778

Humbly sheweth Rebecca Callahan wife of Charles Callahan late of Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln, that her said Husband some time since, absented him self from this State, and is supposed by the Select-men of said Pownalborough to have gone to the Enemies of the united States of America, and that his Estate is to be taken into ye Hands of the Committee of Sequestration to be disposed of according to a late Act of this honorable Assembly respecting the Estates of such Persons as have joined the Enemy aforesaid; and Nathaniel Thwing of Woolwich in s^d^ County Esqr has been appointed Agent for the said Charles, and has taken Possession of the real Estate, and has applied to your Petitioner for all the personal Effects of the s^d^ Charles but your Petitioner not thinking that the said Charles had, according to the spirit of the said Act, forfeited his Estate, and that she had no other Way of supporting her Self & Family and that the said Charles had left an aged Father intirely dependent on said Estate for his living, refused to deliver the personal effects into the Hands of said Thwing.

Whereupon your Petitioner humbly prays this honorable Court to consider her distressed Situation, and permit her to have, and keep Possession of her s^d^ Husband's Estate both real & personal for the necessary Support of her Father, her Self and Family. But if this honorable Court should not think proper to grant your Petitioner the Prayer of this Petition, She prays that she may be permitted to go to her Husband carrying with her the said moveable Effects (which are but of the Value of three hundred Pounds) as necessary to defray her Expences & support her Self till she can be provided for by her Husband — And as in duty bound will ever pray

Rebecca Callahan

In Council April 14: 1778 Read and thereupon Ordered that Benjamin Austin Esqr with such as the Honble House

shall appoint: be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

Jn° Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives April 14, 1778

Read & concurrd & Mr Ely and Mr Sumner are joined

J Pitts Spkr p Temp.

State of Massachusetts Bay —

I John Allan, Do Acknowledge, The United States of America, to be Free Independent, and Sovereign States, and Declare that the People Thereof Owe no Allegiance or Obediance to George the Third King of Great Britain, and I renounce refuse and Abjure Any Allegiance or Obediance to him, And I Do Swear that I will to the Utmost of my Power Suport, Maintain, And Defend the Said United States, Against the Said George the third, King &c — his Heier and Successors, and his or their Abettors, Assistants and Adherents, And Will Serve the said United States in the Offices of Superintendent and Commander in Chief of Indians Eastern Department, Which I now hold, With Fidelity, According to the Best of my Skill and Understanding So help me God —

Jn° Allan.

Lincoln Ss. Mechias Apr1 15th 1778

This day the Above Mentioned John Allan Esqr Personally Appeard & Made Solemn Oath to the foregoing Declaration By him Subscribed —

Before me Alex: Campbell Justt peace

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 17 1778

On the Petition of Andrew Gilman Setting forth that he left his home in Canada, in the year 1775, to serve this State,

in engaging the Penobscott, and Several other Tribes of Indians to Engage in our Service, or Rather not to take up the Hatchet against us, and that he has served faithfully from the month of May 1775: until Jany ye 22^{d} 1778 at which time he was Discharged,—and Praying that he may be Reinstated in his former Service &c,—

Resolved that, Lieu't Andrew Gilman, be & he is hereby appointed, a Lieut in the Service of this State, to Reside at Penobscot & with the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, to watch their motions and inclinations, as well as the dispositions of all other Indians that may come within his knowledge and to do such other Services as he may be appointed to by the General Court of this State,—

it is further Resolved that s^{d} Andrew Gilman be allowed the Same pay and Rations for his Services as a Lieut in the Continental Army to commence the 23 of Jany last aforesaid, untill the further order of this Court,—and the Honorable Council are hereby requested to Commis^{n} and direct the Said Gilman accordingly.—

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spk^{r} p^{r} Temp

In Council April 17′ 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^{y} Secy

Consented to

Jer. Powell	W Sever	A Ward
R. Derby	I Cushing	I Palmer
S Holten	Jabez Fisher	Benj Austin
A Fuller	J Stone	N Cushing
B White	D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott
John Whitcomb		

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 17th 1778

Resolv'd that there be paid out of the Public Treasury of this State to Col^{o} John Allan the sum of Two Hundred &

Thirty Seven Pounds Seven Shillings & Nine pence Half Penny, Being so much due him on his Accounts as Commanding Officer of the Troops Stationed at Machias.—

Resolv'd that there be paid to said Colo[l] John Allan Continental Agent for the Eastern Indians, out of the Public Treasury of this State, the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds on account of the United States, to Enable him to Discharge the Debts already Contracted & to carry on the Business of Agency with the Indians, Said Allan to be Accountable for the Same,—

Resolv'd that the Board of War be and hereby are Directed to furnish said Allan with four Whale Boats and an Oyl Cloath marque

Resolv'd that Lieu[t] William Albee with Thirty men now under his Command & whose time of Service expires in June Next be Continued in Service untill the first Day of December Insuing, and the Board of War are hereby directed to furnish Stephen Smith Commissary at Machias with Provisions for the Same,—

Resolv'd that Major George Stillman be and hereby is Impowered to Engage in the Service a good Surgeon for the Troops at Machias, and said Surgeon to be allowed Ten Pounds for Each Callander Month and Two Rations of Provisions.—

Resolv'd that the Council be and hereby are Directed to write a Letter to Congress, Inclosing all the Letters Colo[l] Allan hath wrote to this Court, Together with his Accounts as agent to the Eastern Indians, acquainting them with what they have advanced Said Allan & Desire that they woud take some proper order respecting his further Supply,—

And whereas it is Attended with Great Charge & is highly improper for this State to Keep a Truck House at Machias as the Indians there are wholely under the Directions of the Continental Agent, Therefore

Resolved that the Truck House at Machias ought in future to be Carry'd on at the Charge of the United States, under the Directions of Colo[l] John Allan Continental Agent for the Eastern Indians, and the Council is hereby Directed to Inform Congress of the Same,—

Whereas the Penalty mentioned in the Resolve of this Court of the 27th of June Last hath been found insufficient to prevent the Evil Practices therein Complained of, in respect of Trading with the Indians Therefore —

Resolved that no person (the Truck Master Excepted) be Allowed to Give, Sell, Truck, Barter or Exchange, with any Indian or Indians, any Strong Beer, Cyder, Wine, Rum, Brandy, Strong Liquors, or any other Articles, for clothing or any other thing whatsoever the Indians may have in Possession, wheather, Intoxicated or not, on the Penelty of Fifty Pounds, to be paid one Moiety to him or them, who shall Inform or sue for the Same, and the other Moiety to the Treasurer of this State for the use of the State, for Each and Every Offence above mention'd to be recover'd at any Court proper to Try the Same or Twelve months Imprisonment.—

Sent up for Concurrence

J Pitts Spk[r] p̲ Temp

In Council April 17, 1778

Read & Concurred

Jn[o] Avery D[y] Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 20, 1778

On the Petition of George Stilman in behalf of Capt[n] Stephen Smith who was appointed Muster Master for the County of Lincoln in this State Praying alowance for Cash he has paid in Bounties to Non Comissioned officers & souldiers who engaged in the expedition against St Johns

Resolved that there be paid out of the Public Treasury of this State to Captn Stephen Smith, the sum of two hundred & fifty seven Pounds in full Discharge of all Demands s^{d} Smith hath against this state for Mony paid by him as Bounties to Non Comissioned officers, and soldiers, who Engaged in the Expedition against St Johns.

And that the Board of War be Directed to settle acc^{ts} with Capt Smith as Commissary, & Truck Master.

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p^{r} Tem

In Council April 21′ 1778 Read & Concurred

John Avery D^{y} Sc^{y}

Consented to

Moses Gill	John Fisher	B White
W. S. Spooner	Benj Austin	John Whitcomb
D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott	Josiah Stone
A Fuller		

To the Honb^{le} Council & House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in general Court Assembled the Petition of Andrew Gilman of Penobscot Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas your Petitioner had a Company of men under Command Stationed at Penobscot which Company was discharged in Jany Last and as your Petitioner together with Insign Jeremiah Colborn have two Rations Each Due from the 11th of Septr to the 11th of Decem^{r} 1776 and one Ration Each Due from 11th of December to the 22 of January 1778 the time said Company was Discharged, and as your Petitioner is in great want of Provision he Humbly Prays your honors to take the Matter into your Wise Consideration and point out some Method Whereby your Petitioner may be en-

abled to Receive the Provisions Due on the s^d^ Rations and your Petitioner as in [duty] Bound shall Ever Pray

Roxbury April 21st 1778

Andrew Gilman

The Committee on the within Petition having attended the Severel Report, that the Petitioner have Leave to withdraw his Petition.

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, Commasary to the Forces stationed at said Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth

Humbly shew that he stands in need of money to Purchase Provisions &c for said Forces therefore pray your Honours to give him a warrant on the Treasury of this State for five hundred Pounds and as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Joseph Noyes

Roxbury April 21st 1778

In Council April 21' 1778 Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £500 in fav^r^ of the said Noyes for supplying the Sea Coast Men with Necessaries he to be Acc^ble^ for the same

Jno Avery D^y^ Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay —

In the House of Representatives April 21, 1778

On the Petition of Joseph Chadwick praying Allowance for his time & trouble in Protracting a Plan of the Inland from Penobscutt to Quebeck

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State

to the said Joseph Chadwick the sum of thirty Pounds in full for said Service —

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 21′ 1778

Read & Concurred John Avery Dy Secy

Warrant drawn

Consented to

Jer: Powell	A Ward	R Derby
I Palmer	T Cushing	S Holten
Moses Gill	Benj Austin.	B White
John Whitcomb	D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott
Josiah Stone	A Fuller	Jabez Fisher

In the House of Representatives April 23d 1778 On a Petition of a Number of Inhabitants of a Place called Raymond Town in the County of Cumberland praying for an Abatement of the Publick Taxes, assessed on them by the assessors of the Town of Windham, for the years 1776 and 1777; for reasons set forth in said Petition

Resolved that the Prayer and Petition be granted, and that the assessors of said Windham be, and they hereby are ordered and Directed to abate all the Publick Taxes that they have or shall have Levied, or Assessed, on the Polls, and Estates of the Said Inhabitants for the years 1776 and 1777: Provided, nevertheless That nothing in this Resolve shall be Cause to or tend to any Abatement in the Taxes imposed on the said Town of Windham by the General Court

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr pr Tem

In Council April 24, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	I Palmer
Moses Gill	S Holten	Jabez Fisher
Oliver Prescott	W Spooner	D Hopkins

In the House of Representatives April 25 1778

In a letter from Col. Josiah Brewer at Penobscut, to Col. Jonathan Lowder Truck Master to the Penobscut Indians, Representing the Great want the s^d Indians are in of Corn.

Resolved that the Board of War be, and they hereby are directed to deliver to Col. Jonathan Lowder Truck Master for said Penobscut Indians one Hundred and fifty Bushels of Corn for the Use of the Said Indians, He, the said Jonathan Lowder being accountable to the Court for the Same.

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 25, 1778 Read & Concurred

John Avery D^y Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	Moses Gill
B White	Josiah Stone	Oliver Prescott
Benj Austin		

In the House of Representatives April 27th 1778

On the Petition of Ziphion Thayer praying that the Conduct of his Brother Ch Thayer relative to the Schooner called the two Brothers might be enquired into and that the said Schooner her Cargoe &c be tried upon the Libel of John Dixey, for Reasons set forth in said Petition

Whereas the said Schooner was Captured and carried into the Eastern District, where she was first Libelled by George Deak Commander of the Fort at Casco Bay, as well in his own behalf as in behalf of this State,— since which she has been removed by a special Order of this Court to the Middle District, and there libelled by John Dixey and some doubts may arise which of said Districts is the proper place for Tryal — therefore Resolved that the Judge of the Maritime Court for the Middle District be and hereby is impowered

and directed, to proceed to the Tryal of Schooner called the Two Brothers, upon the Libel of John Dixey and that the said George Deak be and hereby is also impowered to file his Claim to the s^d^ Schooner her Cargoe &c in behalf of himself & of this State, in the same Court as well as all others concerned either as Captors or Claimants and that they be allowed to give the same Evidence as they by law might have done in Case said Schooner had been tried in the Eastern District, and that the Judge of said Eastern District, be and hereby is directed to dismiss the libel first mentioned, any law Usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding —

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 28′ 1778 Read & Concurred
John Avery D^y^ Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	W Spooner
J Palmer	Benj Austin	John Whitcomb
T Cushing	D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott

Council Chamber April 27, 1778

Lieu. And^w^ Gilman Sir

I am directed by the Hon'ble Board to signify to you that as you have been lately appointed by the Genl Court a Lieut. in the Service of this State to reside at Penobscot in that Capacity mentioned in your Appointment it is their Expectation that you Officiate as an Interpreter whenever the Public Service require it between Col^o^ Lowder and the Indians at Penobscot.

By order of the Council John Avery D^y^ Secy

To the General Court now sitting at Roxbury

May it please Your Hon^rs^ Your Petitioner asks your Patience amid all your attention to the public Interests of our

injur^{d} Country to the following State of Facts; — In Sepr after the Lexington Battle, pursuant to a recommendation of the provincial Congress to the good People of this State to use every Means to prevent supplies being carried to the Enemy your Pete^{r}, together with the other Members of the Com^{ee} of Safety, &c at Frenchman's Bay, took under their Care the Sloop advance, commanded by one sd. Carman which was taken by one Hodgkins, and bro't into the s^{d} Frenchmans Bay — which Sloop had been impow^{d} to carry Supplies to the Troops then in Boston, and was then on her Passage to the eastern Shore for the Purpose; which Vessel being tryed in a regular manner by the Committees appointed by the s^{d} Congress for such purposes, was condemned to be detained in the Hands of the s^{d} Com^{ee} till the further Order of Government which condemnation was ratified by the Gen. Court and being strip^{d} of her Sails, which were storred, She was detain^{d} accordingly; — except in one Instance, when the s^{d} Com^{ee} had a pressing occasion to transport a Quantity of Salt, a small Distance, they made use of the s^{d} Sloop for that Purpose, and then safely [placed] her in her former Birth — In this State your Petitioner left the s^{d} Sloop; and being call^{d} into the Service of his Country, has never seen her since — Since which y^{r} Pete^{r} is inform^{d}, the s^{d} Hodgkins has obtain^{d} Liberty of the gen. Court to libel the s^{d} Sloop in the Maritime Court for the eastern District, which he has done, but previous to prosecution having compounded the matter with the Owners of the s^{d} Sloop, the action Determin^{d} — But to the great Surprise of your Petitioner, as he was on his way from Camp, on Furlow to visit his Fam^{y} he is inform^{d} by the Chairman of the s^{d} Com^{ee} that one Nathan Jones, of Gouldsborough, by virtue of a Power, as he saith, from the Owner of the s^{d} Sloop, has in the absence of your Petitioner, at Head Quarters, attach^{d} his Interest at Union River, and converted part of the same to his own use — and has com-

menc^{d} an action against your Petitioner on acc^{t} of the s^{d} Vessel, the Day of Tryal being this very week; and that while y^{r} Pete^{r} was out of the State, and which had not the least hint, till on his Journey as afores^{d} he met with the s^{d} Chairman of the s^{d} Com^{ee} —

Your Petitioner therefore prays, your Hon^{rs} to interpose in his Behalf, as he looks upon himself greatly injur^{d} and unreasonably persecuted, for his Fidelity to his Country; his strict adherence to the Orders of Government; and more for his Exertions in carrying the Resolves thereof into Execution; and by a man too whose character is too notorious to need an Explanation.

He therefore prays, feelingly prays, your Hon^{rs} to Order the s^{d} Jones to suspend the Prosecution of the s^{d} action; restore the property he has taken from your Petitioner, immediately and make such other satisfaction to y^{r} Pete^{r} as you in your wisdom shall think meet, that your Pete^{r} may improve his Interest for the good of his Fam^{y} while he is serving his Country as Surgeon in the American army; and as in Duty bound will ever pray —

Ivory Hovey, Surgeon in Col^{o} Wigglesworth Reg^{t}

In Council April 27: 1778 Read & Ordered that Daniel Hopkins Esq. with such as the Hon'ble House shall join be a Committee to consider the within Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives April 28 1778 Read & Concurred & Coll Orne & Mr Baker are joined

J Pitts Spkr p Tem

Resolve directing George Deake to deliver Perry Howland his chest of wearing apparel — April 28: 1778

April 23 1778 Read & committed to the Representation

of the Board of War respecting the Schooner within mentioned —

In the House of Representatives April 28th 1778
On the Petition of Capt. Perry Howland praying that his Wearing Apparel &c in the Schooner called the Two Brothers and now in the possession of Capt. George Deak may be delivered to him for reasons set forth in said Petition.

Resolved that the prayer of said Petition be granted, and that the said George Deak be and hereby is directed to deliver to the said Perry Howland, his Chest of Wearing Apparel, taking his Receipt therefor —

Sent up for Concurrence

J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 28 1778
Read & Concurred

John Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	John Whitcomb
I Palmer	A Fuller	Moses Gill
Oliver Prescott		

The petition of George Deake Humbly Sheweth that the Removal of the tryal of the Schooner two Brothers from the Eastern District to the middle District Deprives me of all the advantages of my Evidance as it is Imposible to go to Falmouth and back again before tryal & also the Health of some of the Evidance will Not admit of their Comeing the Distance and also one Considerable Freighter viz Perry Howland has swore that he would take my life for Satisfaction Before I leave Boston in the presence of the High Sheriff Mr Greenleaf, wherefore I pray that the Court will order the tryal may go on, according to law in such Case provided, in

the Eastern District & in the mean time order Some meet Person to take Charge of said Schooner till the Case is Issued as the Removel Exposes my Person as well as Deprives me of my Evidence and Consequently the benefit of law and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will Ever pray

George Deake

In Council April 28′ 1778

Read & Ordered that Joseph Palmer Esq. with such as the Hon[l] House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D[y] Sec[y]

In the House of Representatives April 29, 1778

Read & concurred & Gen[l] Lovel & Capt King are joined

J. Pitts Spkr p Tem

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the petition of Ivory Hovey, praying that the Property of the s[d] Hovey taken by one Nathan Jones of Gouldsborough may be restored; and that an action commenced against the s[d] Hovey by the s[d] Jones may be suspended — report the following Resolve,

A Resolved that the prayer of the s[d] petition be granted, and that the s[d] Nathan Jones, or the Officer who attached his property, be and he hereby is directed, and commanded to deliver without Delay to the s[d] Hovey all and every part of said property of the said Hovey which the said Jones has taken or have been taken by his order in Consequence of any power he the s[d] Jones has received from the Owners of the Sloop Advance.

And that the s[d] Action commenced against the said Hovey, by the said Jones, on account of the said Sloop advance be,

and it hereby is, with all the proceedings relative thereto, suspended untill the further Order of the General Court.—

In Council April 28′ 1778 Read & sent down

Jn° Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives April 29, 1778 — Read and passed with an amendment at **A** viz — At **A** insert "On a Petition of Ivory Hovey praying that his property taken by one Nathan Jones of Gouldsborough may be restored & that an Action commenced against him by said Jones may be suspended"—

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 29′ 1778 Read & Concurred

John Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	John Whitcomb	I Palmer
D Hopkins	Oliver Prescott	Jabez Fisher
Benj Austin	A Fuller	

Resolve on the Petition of Rebecca Callahan.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider the Petition of Rebecca Callahan have considered the same & beg leave to report by way of Resolve, which is Humbly submitted

Benj Austin per order

State of Massachusetts Bay

Whereas Rebecca Callahan of Pownalborough has petition'd this Court that she may have leave to go to her Husband Charles Callahan, and that she may be allowed the personall Estate lately belonging to her said Husband (now in the hands of Nathaniel Thwing Esq. agent for the said Charles Estate) to enable her to defray the charges of carrying her aged Father & Family to her said Husband at Hallifax

Resolved that Rebecca Callahan be & hereby is permitted to depart this State with her whole Family directly for Hallifax or by the way of Newport and that she be & is hereby allowed out of said Charles's Personall Estate the sum of Two hundred pounds to defray the charges which may Attend her Transporting her Selfe & Family to Hallifax or Newport, & the said Nath Thwing Esq. is hereby directed to pay the said Rebecca the aforesaid Sum of Two hundred pounds out of the Personal Estate of the said charles for the purpose aforesaid —

In Council April 29, 1778
Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence
John Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives April 29th 1778
Read & Concurrd
J Pitts Spkr p Tem

Consented to —

Jer Powell	A Ward	Moses Gill
D Hopkins	John Whitcomb	Josiah Stone
Jabez Fisher		

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of James Avery in behalf of Captain Isaiah Boudron, Humbly Sheweth,

That the said Capt Boudron Inlisted a Company of Frenchmen in the County of Cumberland in the Province of Nova Scotia by order of Colo Jonn Eddy, and Embodyed his men with a Number, of others who came with said Eddy and were in Several Actions Against the Enemy, of the United States, by which they Took a Number of British Troops Prisoners

and sent them to this State and was Dispos'd of according to your Honours orders, that soon after the Enemy were reinforced by Superior Numbers, by which said Eddys men were Defeated & Drove out of that County,—and said Boudron & his men all belonging to that Province, were obliged to Leave their Estates and famelys to the Mercy of the Cruel Enemy & have now Taken shelter at Machias in this State where they are in the Greatest Distress,—Therefore your Petitioner humbly prays you will Take this Matter into Consideration and be pleased to grant them pay according to the Roll herewith, which will be a great releaf to them in their Distressed Situation,—

Your Petitioner woud Likewise inform your Honors that all the Men that went with said Eddy in that Expedition has been paid by this Court Except the said Boudron & his Company, and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Ja^s Avery

In Council April 29′ 1778 Read & Sent down
Roxbury April 27th 1778 Jno Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives April 29th 1778
Read and committed to the Committee on Muster Rolls—
Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p̲ Tem

In Council April 29′ 1778 Read & Concurred
Jno Avery D^y Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay April 29th 1778
The Com^tee on Muster Rolls, to whom was committed the Petition of James Avery in behalf of Capt Josiah Boudron, has attended that Service, & Report, That the Prayer of said Petition be granted

A Fuller p̲ order

In Council April 29′ 1778 Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D^y Secy

In the House of Representatives April 29th 1778
Read & Concurrd as taken into a Resolve
Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 29′ 1778 Read & Concurred
John Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	A Ward	T Cushing
Jabez Fisher	Moses Gill	John Whitcomb
D Hopkins	W Spooner	

On a Petition of James Avery in behalf of Captain Josiah Boudron — setting forth that said Boudron inlisted a Company of Frenchmen in the County of Cumberland in Nova Scotia by order of Coll Jonathan Eddy & employed them in several Actions against the Enemy — & praying that the Rolls for their Service may be allowed & paid

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted, & the Committee on Muster Rolls are hereby directed to allow said Rolls accordingly

Resolve on the Petition of James Avery — directing the Committee on Muster Rolls to allow Payment on the Muster Rolls of Josiah Boudron — April 29′ 1778

State of Massachusetts Bay April 29th 1778

The Committee of both Houses upon the Petition of George Deake, have attended that Service & heard the Parties & Report that said Deake & one Ziphion Thayer have agreed to settle the affair, if this Court consent to give up their Claim to the Schooner Two Brothers & Cargo mentioned in Said Petition; — That sd Deake appears to have acted the part of a good officer; — That the property of said

Schooner & Cargo will probably appear upon Tryal to belong to said Thayer's Brother; and that now said Thayer has promised to said Deake, that he will generously pay him all expences which he has been at about this affair, provided this State shall give up their Claim, & said Thayer be put into possession of said Vessel & Cargo; upon which promise said Deake appears to be fully satisfyed, depending upon the performance on the part of said Thayer

I Palmer p̲ ordr

In Council April 29th 1778 Read & sent down

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives April 30, 1778

Read & accepted

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p̲ Tem

Consented to

Jer. Powell W Spooner T Cushing
Josiah Stone Jabez Fisher D Hopkins
I Palmer

In the House of Representatives April 29th 1778

Ordered that Doctr Dunsmore be of the Committee on the Petition of George Deak in the room of Capt King absent —

Sent up for Concurrence

J Pitts Spkr p̲ Tem

In Council April 29, 1778

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives April 30, 1778

Whereas this Court by a Resolve of the 28th directed that the capture of the Schooner Two Brothers & Cargo lately

taken by George Deake should be tried in the Middle District of this State — &c whereas it appears that the said Deake is willing to relinquish his Claim on a promise of Zyphion Thayer who lays Claim thereto to pay him the Expences he has been at provided this State will give up its claim to the same

Resolved That this Court do hereby relinquish all claim which this State may have to the said Schooner & Cargo

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Consented to

Jer Powell	T Cushing	W Spooner
Moses Gill	D Hopkins	Josiah Stone
A Fuller		

York Ss

York April 30th 1778 Then John Caldwell appeared and made Solemn Oath that he and Andrew Campbell Manfactured and Sold agreable to the resolve of the Fourth of July 1777 two hundred forty five bushells & one half of Salt between the 15th of July 1777 & ye 1st of January 1778 and Sold it at the Regulating price, and they have received no bounty therefor

Sworn before Joseph Simpson Jus: Peace

To the Honble Councel of the House of Massachusetts Bay

York May 23d 1778

Please to pay the Bounty for the above Salt to Joseph Simpson Esqr and you will oblige your Humble Servant

Andrew Campbell

In Council May 30 : 1778 Read & Ordered that a Warrent be drawn on the Treasury for £36. 16. 6 in fav^{r} of Hon^{l} Jos^{h} Simpson for the Use of the said Campbell in full

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives April 30th 1778

On the Petition of Jonas Farnsworth Benj^{a} Foster & others Praying for allowance for Rations Due during the time of their Service at Machias agreeable to the abstracts accompanying S^{d} Petition, allso on the Petition of Jabez West and Rubin Dyer praying for Rations Due to them & Several other officers in the service of this State allso on the Petition of Jonas Farnsworth praying for a Bounty for the Non Commission officers & Private Soldiers in Several Companyes of Militia who did duty at Machias Last Sumer and allso on the Petition of the S^{d} Jonas Farnsworth praying for a Number of Fire Arms & Amunition for the Sixth Regn^{t} of Militia in the County of Lincoln

Resolved that there be allowed & paid to Each Non Commission officer & Private soldier who did duty at Machias as set forth in s^{d} Petition the Sum of thirty shillings p^{r} Month in Addition to the Continental pay for which Purpose the Petitioner is directed to Lay his Rolls before the Committee of Muster Rolls for Examination, and it is further Resolved that the Board of War be directed to deliver to the said Jonas Farnsworth, one hundred & Sixty Two Fire arms, Four hundred & Seventy three pounds of Powder & Nine hundred & Forty Six pounds of Leaden Ball for the Sixth Regn^{t} in the County of Lincoln. Said Farnsworth giving Security to the said Board of War To pay for the said Fire arms & amunition In Twelve months from the date of this Resolve — at Such price as the Board of War shall Judge Reasonable— and it is further Resolved that the Board of

War be directed to give orders on the Commisary Gen[l] for Such & So much Provishons as shall appear to be due to the Said Militia for Rations which they have not Received —

Sent up for Concurrence J Pitts Spkr p Tem

In Council April 30′ 1778 Read & Concurred

John Avery D[y] Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell A Ward T Cushing
Jabez Fisher Moses Gill D Hopkins
J Palmer

To the Honorable the Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay convened and held at Roxbury April 1778 —

The Memorial and Petition of the Plantation commonly called Damariscotta, in the County of Lincoln, in behalf of said Plantation, Humbly sheweth,

That said Plantation has been settled with inhabitants for upwards of twenty years past;

That the inhabitants thereof have, at great expence and thro' many hardships and dangers, reduced said Plantation from an inhospitable wilderness to a State of cultivation and social improvement: and endeavering to demean themselves as members of the community not unworthy of a share in its priviledges, they have, to the utmost of their abilities, maintained order and regulation amongst themselves; and having been annually taxed by the town of Newcastle, have never failed of contributing their moiety to the public utility.

Your Memorialists beg leave to add that said plantation was among the foremost, in this county, in espousing the great and all-important cause of America, in her opposition to the tyranny of the King and Parliament of Great Britain; and having uniformly continued such exertions, in its support, as their little ability could permit;

But since the laws of the State have begun to call upon plantations as well as towns, in a separate and distinct capacity to raise money or other necessary contributions to the support of the army of the United States, (our full quota of which was chearfully and early compleated) the said Plantation has laboured under great Difficulties for want of the powers of a legal corporation ; as every thing must be done by voluntary Subscriptions, which, in their unincorporate State, it was impossible to regulate in just proportion to the ability of each inhabitant respectively

That from the same cause the said inhabitants have also, from the beginning, laboured under various hardships in the want of power to maintain public schools, or the settlement, or stated dispensations of the Gospel among themselves at their Common expence : And various other difficulties have laid upon said inhabitants, such as are peculiar to unincorporated plantations :

For these reasons the said inhabitants, now amounting to families are induced at last to look up to the fathers of this State for releif from their said hardships : and therefore in their behalf, your Memorialists most humbly and earnestly intreat the Honorable Court to take their case into your wise consideration ; and as soon as may be, to grant us the priviledges of a legal corporation ; & for that purpose

Your Petitioners pray your Honours that an act may pass the honorable Court, for incorporating the said plantation into a town by the name of & for investing the inhabitants thereof with all the priviledges and powers usually granted, by the laws of this State to incorporated towns :—

And your Petitioners careful not to encroach on the lines of others, and at the same time wishing to extend our bound no farther than may be convenient to form one commodious Parish, would pray your honors that the boundary lines of

said town may be fixed as follows, viz, beginning on the Eastern bank of Damariscotta river; at the head of Browns cove, so called, from thence running East on Bristol North line, about three miles from Pemaquid Pond; from thence N. by E. by a right line, about two miles running thro said pond till it strikes the South West corner of Waldoborough line; from thence N. & by E. on said Waldoborough line about three miles and half till it strike the North-East corner of Plummer's meadow so called; from thence N. W. by a right line one mile and half till it strike the East side of Damariscotta Pond, on the northern side of Noah Cross's house; from thence southerly along the eastern shore of said pond, as said shore runs to the lower narrows of Damariscotta Pond from thence running southerly on Newcastle East line, down to the mills, so called, so on the said line down Damariscotta River to the first mentioned bounds; the whole tract not exceeding six miles in length from North to South, nor four miles in breadth from East to West:

And finally that the said inhabitants may not be obliged to remain inactive in the important affairs of the establishment of a new form of government, your Petitioners pray that as soon as may be, an order may issue to Thomas Rice Esqr or some other Justice of the Peace near them to grant a warrant for convening said inhabitants at any time he shall think proper to choose such officers & transact such other business as is usually appointed by law to be done in the month of March annually — And your Petitioners as in duty bound in behalf of themselves and their said Constituents Shall ever pray

Anthony Chapman Joseph Rust Francis Tufts
Committee of said Plantation

Dated at Damariscotta March 13th 1778

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